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BY Mark Stavroulakis

Aston Villa have swooped for Perth youngsters Chris Herd and Shane Lowry.
The 15 year-olds have both inked three-year contracts with Villa, which includes a one-year pro deal at the end of their two-year apprenticeship.

★★★★

Aussie Igor Arsovski has established himself as a first team regular with Macedonian top-flight club Sileks.
A former Australian schoolboys rep, midfielder Arsovski has made 17 appearances this season for the club who are currently placed fifth in the twelve team competition.
His latest appearance for Sileks was a full game in the 5-0 away thrashing of Napredok.

★★★★

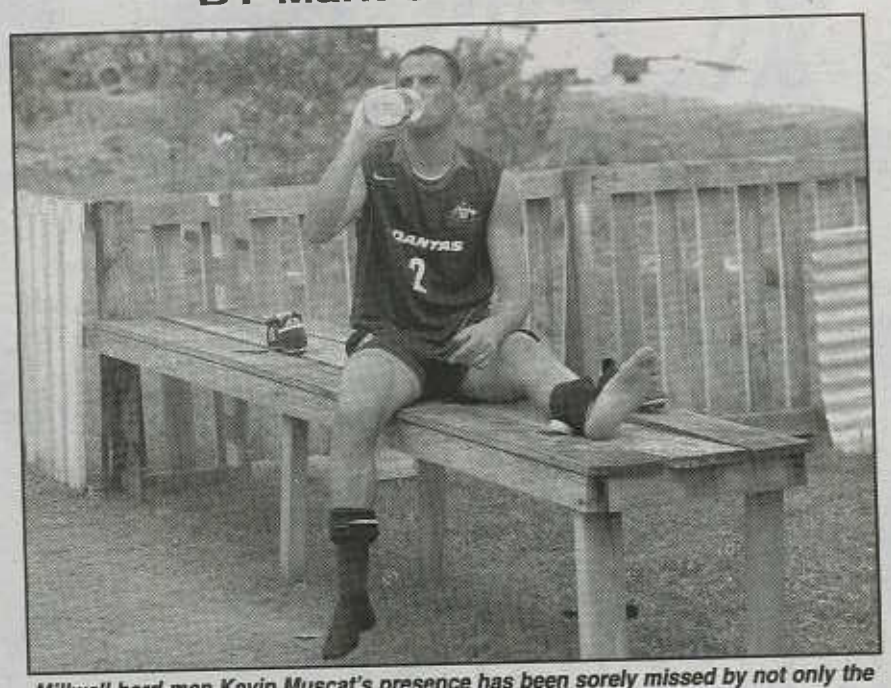
Bradford City are in search of a new goalkeeper after number one Paul Henderson rejected their offer of a new three-year deal.
Chairman Julian Rhodes was disappointed with Henderson's decision, but stated that the club will not jeopardise their finances as it had done in the past.
"The offer was the maximum we could offer and, as a club, we will not commit ourselves to contracts we cannot afford," Rhodes told the Yorkshire Post.
"Bradford City have done that in the past and we won't be making the same mistake again.
"I would not be surprised if Paul can earn more money elsewhere, but we will never again jeopardise the future of this club by offering contracts we cannot possibly sustain.
"We set Paul a deadline of Wednesday because we had to know one way or the other what his plans were."

★★★★

Middlesbrough have secured the signing of Perth youngster Rhys Williams.
The 16 year-old has signed a three-year deal with Boro and will begin with the club's Academy setup.
Boro boast one of the best youth systems in the Premiership and Williams will be competing with the likes of Josh Walker, the current England U16 captain, for a place.

★★★★

Australian goalkeeper Brad Jones has become the latest Middlesborough player to pledge himself to the Riverside club.
Jones, whose current contract was due to expire this summer, has signed a new two-year deal that ties him to Boro until the end of the 2006-07 season.
Jones, whose only other first-team appearances came in January last year in an FA Cup victory over Notts County and a league win against Fulham, has spent much time on loan in his five years with Boro to date.
Along with spells at Stockport and Rotherham, Jones has also twice played for Blackpool, including a three-month stint at Bloomfield Road this season.



Millwall hard-man Kevin Muscat's presence has been sorely missed by not only the manager but the entire team as well

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Sydney Olympic's current hot striker Greg Owens will bypass the A-League and continue on his footballing career with Malaysian side Johor.
The New Zealand Knights offered Owens a deal but the former Newcastle United striker rejected for a better offer to play in Malaysia.
It is said that a $12,000 transfer fee was paid by Johor to Sydney Olympic for his services.

★★★★

K-League side Busan Icons could put forward a plan to stop Socceroo star Ahmad Elrich from playing in the up and coming Confederations Cup in Germany following his decision to play with his national side.
It is believed that Busan were angry at Elrich's decision to take part in the two friendly matches Australia played in this month.
Ahmad's player adviser Tony Rallis though stated that his current situation with his club could be fast tracked quicker following news that Simon Thompson, the man believed to have done the deal with Elrich, was of course an unlicensed agent.
"I think that this could push Ahmad's case to get out of his contract and once more kick start his career in Europe."
Rallis indicated that interests from a London based club and a Northern U.K. side have already sent an invitation to have Elrich on their side.
Blackburn Rovers though have been pinned as clear favourites to land Elrich after accepting a two-week trial at the club starting this week.
Its understood that Rovers coach Mark Hughes has indicated his interest in signing the Australian thanks to the recommendations from fellow teammates Lucas Neil and Brett Emerton.
Its also understood that the FFA could sent the former Power high flyer on a tough 4-week training test in the U.K. with one of its top trainers.
The unknown English trainer could be employed by the FFA for the Socceroos as they set on to base themselves in London.

★★★★

Stockport midfielder Mark Robertson could be out for the rest of the season with a back injury.
Already having missed much game time this season through a thigh injury, Robertson has not played since the start of March because of his current back problem.
The former Olympian has played only twenty league games this season out of a possible forty-one matches completed so far.

★★★★

Liverpool star Harry Kewell is set to star in his own reality television show.
Kewell, whose wife is ex-Emmerdale star Sheree Murphy, and former Liverpool striker Stan Collymore are among those lined up to take part in a show which will cover the lives of professional footballers. Footballers' Cribs will hit TV screens in June.

★★★★

Millwall winger Paul Ifill has revealed how skipper Kevin Muscat has helped him with his recovery from an ankle injury.
Muscat, who is getting over an achilles tendon injury, has been a huge help to Ifill.
"We are pretty much at the same stage in our recovery," said the winger.
"We've both been out eight weeks and look like coming back at the same time. That always helps in the treatment room.
"And he is very good at motivating. He's a joker off the field and great on it. The lads miss having him around the squad. Now the ankle seems fine. It is 100 per cent better than it was."

★★★★

Lillestrom have snapped up LR Ahlen winger Saso Radulovic.
The Queenslander moves from the German Second Division to LSK after falling out of favour at Ahlen.
Radulovic joins fellow former Brisbane Strikers players Kasey Wehrmen and Shane Steffanuto at Lillestrom.

★★★★

Cardiff City manager Lennie Lawrence claims he is completely unaware of Tony Vidmar's move to Dutch club NAC Breda next season.
Lawrence said, "I don't know anything about Tony (Vidmar) agreeing to join any other club, but he's entitled to do that."
35-year-old Vidmar is able to move because he is in the final six months of his contract with Cardiff.
The former Glasgow Rangers defender is well out-of-favour with Lawrence.

★★★★

Wollongong Wolves striker Paul Harries is set to make the switch from the South Coast to China it was reported in the media last week.
The former Auckland King[illegible] star is said to be on his w[illegible] Shanghai, linking up [illegible] former English club [illegible] Crystal Palace.
Harries made the move [illegible] from the U.K. to Australia this year for a start in Adrian Alston's team but did state that he would return overseas if the offer was right.

★★★★

One young Australian that has gained much praise for his efforts in the Under 17 Joeys has been striker David Williams.
The Queensland born striker has been in great form for the Joeys and has bagged a name as one of Australia's future gun strikers.
Already, a number of European clubs have shown a keen interest in the Aboriginal born attacker.
A move to the A-League though could be on the cards too as clubs look towards closing their squads for the new year in August.

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Australian Serie A stars Marco Bresciano and Vince Grella last week were left smiling after Parma secured a place into this year's UEFA Cup semi-finals with a hard fought scoreless draw against Austria Vienna.
Parma won the tie on the away goal ruling much to the delight of the Italian fans who have had a rather out of sorts season in the Serie A.
Bresciano has been one of Pietro Carmignani's most outstanding players this year having played an instrumental role in the clubs plight in the UEFA Cup.
Grella on the other hand has been battling injuries and looks as though a return to first team football could start as early as this week.

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Parma's Marco Bresciano (Left) will be looking forward to their UEFA Cup semi-final clash with CSKA Moscow

And the winner is...SYDNEY

Socceroo players line-up at Sydney's Telstra Stadium before their friendly clash against Iraq

Exclusive by Mark van Aken

Sydney will host at least one, and most likely both, of Australia's World Cup Qualifiers in October and November.

The New South Wales capital has won the right to host the jewel in football's crown later this year ahead of perennial major events capital Melbourne and outsider Brisbane.

The Socceroos have played in the harbour city several times over the last 18 months, most recently on Easter Saturday at Telstra Stadium against Iraq. While the final stage of the Socceroos last two World Cup campaigns have gone through Melbourne's MCG, as reported first here at ABSW, that stadium is unavailable due to construction works ahead of next years Commonwealth Games.

Without the lure of the 100,000 capacity MCG, Melbourne was always at long odds to host the game at the smaller capacity Telstra Dome.

Australia is set for a two-legged playoff against the Solomon Islands in October and, should they progress, another dual match program against the 5th placed South American side for a place at Germany 2006.

FFA Chief John O'Neill has stated on numerous occasions that the governing body aims to play both games at the one venue.

In a Marketing sense this would allow the FFA to bundle both games into one package and thus boost revenues and the crowd for the Solomon's' game.

While a spokesperson for the FFA would not comment on the venue of the all important clashes late last week, ABSW has learned of their location by an apparent gaffe by FFA major sponsor Coca Cola, through its sports drink brand PowerAde.

Melbourne radio has been bombarded over the last week with advertisements for PowerAde's latest competition, which boasts that winners "can win a trip to Sydney for a Socceroos World Cup Qualifier".

Closer examination of the competitions Terms and Conditions provided by Coca Cola Amatil illustrate that while the date is to be determined by FIFA, the venue is Sydney.

With Sydney set to host the games, it is expected that Telstra Stadium would be the venue given that its capacity is nearly double that of Aussie Stadium.

The decision on Sydney absolutely puts to rest talk of the game being played in London, an option that is preferred by a number of high profile Socceroos.

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Italian sports daily newspapers like *The Gazzetta dello Sport* and Italian sports television stations cover most games. The tournament also generates a great deal of European Club interest as European clubs send their scouts to all games.
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For further information and enquiries call John Romeo, Technical Director of the A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Youth Football Academy on 0412-808-114

Young Socceroos set for A-League clashes

The Qantas Young Socceroos will play against Hyundai A-League clubs Newcastle Jets, Sydney FC and Adelaide United, as part of an 11-day camp later this month as they continue preparations for June's FIFA World Youth Championship in the Netherlands.

The Qantas Young Socceroos will be in camp from Thursday April 21 to Sunday May 1 based in Sydney and Adelaide.

The match schedule during the camp is:

Australia u-20s v Newcastle Jets
Sunday 24 April - K/O TBC
Venue Adamstown Oval

Australia u-20s v Sydney FC
Wednesday 27 April - 7pm
Marconi Stadium

Australia u-20s v Adelaide United
Saturday 30 April 2005 - 7.30pm
Hindmarsh Stadium
Gates open from 5.00pm
Curtain raiser 5.15pm

The 18-man squad for the camp features features 12 players that have signed with Hyundai A-League clubs and just two players based overseas - uncapped defender Ryan Townsend of English club Burnley and midfielder James Wesolowski of Leicester City. Townsend, along with Queensland Roar midfielder Jordan Simpson and Adelaide United striker Michael Matricciani are the only uncapped players in the squad.

Returning to the squad after a lengthy absence through injury is Newcastle Jets midfielder Jobe Wheelhouse who last played for the team at the 2003 FIFA World Youth Championship.

Newcastle team-mate Mark Bridge who has been a regular throughout the current campaign is unavailable with a foot injury that could see him in doubt for the June tournament.

The 18-man Qantas Young Socceroo squad for the 11-day camp in Sydney and Adelaide is:

Goalkeepers
Danny Vukovic (Central Coast Mariners), Justin Pasfield (Sydney FC)

Defenders
Mark Milligan (Sydney FC), Chris Tadrosse (Melbourne Victory), Jacob Timpano (Sydney FC), Nikolai Topor-Stanley (Belconnen Blue Devils, ACT), Ryan Townsend (Burnley, England)

Midfielders
Stuart Musialik (Newcastle Jets), Vince Lia (Melbourne Victory), Billy Celeski (Bulleen Zebras, Vic), Kristian Sarkies (Melbourne Victory), Jordan Simpson (Queensland Roar), James Wesolowski (Leicester City, England), Jobe Wheelhouse (Newcastle Jets)

Forwards
Jay Lucas (Marconi Stallions, NSW), Nick Ward (Perth Glory), Michael Matricciani (Adelaide United), David Williams (Queensland Academy of Sport)

Belconnen Blue Devils' strapping defender Nikolai-Topor-Stanley will be one to watch in the Young Socceroos back-line

Owens heading for Malaysia

Greg Owens: Has ditched the A-League for Malaysian side Johor

By Joe Russo

Sydney Olympic's midfielder Greg Owens is heading to Malaysia this week joining several other former National League players, such as Ante Juric, Esala Masi and Gabriel Mendez, in the M-League.

In an interview on Sunday Night Soccer on radio 98.5 FM, Owens stated that he felt the time was right. "I think it is time for me to go," he said. "I've had a few offers from A-League clubs but nothing as good as I was offered in Malaysia.

"I haven't been to Malaysia for a long time now – the last time I was there I was 16 – and I was supposed to go overseas when I got back with the Australian side, but I was hampered with injuries. "I am not getting any younger so I have to go now. The time's right."

Owens was of course referring to the horror run of injuries he endured over several years and which looked like ending his promising career.

As a 16 year old he burst onto the NSL scene with the now defunct Newcastle Breakers. From the Breakers he moved Sydney Olympic and then back to Newcastle with Newcastle United, making over 100 NSL appearances in total.

Most recently the 25 year old Owens was at Sydney Olympic again, but this time around the club found itself in the NSW Premier League.

"It was very very tough and very frustrating for me," he told listeners about his long injury riddled period. "It has been a really long time and I've had about three operations now.

"However, I wouldn't be where I am if I'd given up which I was inclined to do a long time ago. I'm glad though that I've stuck with it.

"I was thrown into the spotlight when I was 16 and there was a time when I left Newcastle for Olympic that I thought it was a backward step.

"In the end it was a really good step for me and I played with the Australian [Young Socceroos] side, but after that is where everything started to go wrong. I copped the injuries and was away from the game for a long time."

Owens represented the Young Socceroos at the Under 20 World Cup in Argentina in 2001. In that tournament he scored two of Australia's three goals.

Australia beat Japan 2-0 thanks to one of his goals and he scored again in Australia's 1-1 draw with Angola. Despite a 3-0 loss to the Czech Republic, Australia still qualified for the quarter finals where they lost 4-0 to Brazil.

Owens' Australian team-mates in that tournament include several who have either gone on to play for the senior Socceroos or at a high club level in Europe.

Ahmad Elrich, Ljubo Milicevic, Jon McKain, Luke Wilkshire, Patrick Kisnorbo, Adrian Madaschi, Scott McDonald, Nick Carle, Michael Turnbull, Jess van Stratten, Daniel Vasilevski and Louis Brain, were just some of the Young Socceroos in Argentina in 2001.

So what kept Owens going during that long injury period? "The fact that I'd been away with Australian sides," he proudly stated. "I always wanted to represent Australia and hopefully I will represent again in the future.

"Knowing where I was at three years ago has kept me going. I know that I can get back up there one day."

Given his recent stint in the NSW Premier League with Sydney Olympic, what does Owens think about the current standard of play compared to the old NSL?

"It is not that big a step [backwards] to be honest because there are a lot of former NSL players playing in the state league," he said.

"I've been out injured for about three years, so I'm just glad to be back out there and in form and play well week in and week out."

Sydney Olympic in its first year in the NSW Premier League has found the transition from the NSL difficult. Several players have left the club during the season and coach John Doyle was replaced with Mike Urukalo. So what does Owens make of all these changers?

"Michael Urukalo is one of the best coaches I've had for a while – he played me in one position and left me there.

"We just didn't lose John Doyle but we also lost about 10 or 11 quality players. Michael had to bring some young kids into the side and they have stepped up and done well.

"We are all playing as well as we can and some of the young kids that we've got can definitely step up and play A-League. I think they'll be going a long way," he concluded.

Sunday Night Soccer airs weekly at 10.00pm every Sunday on radio 98.5 FM in Sydney.

Noel Spencer will skipper the Central Coast Mariners this season

Mariners announce Spencer as team captain

NSL Championship winner and former Northern Spirit skipper Noel Spencer has been announced as the Central Coast Mariners inaugural Hyundai A-League captain.

Spencer, 27, was announced as captain at the Mariners Boots to Business Launch at Central Coast Stadium last week.

Mariners coach Lawrie McKinna says the rugged midfielder is the perfect man to lead the Mariners Hyundai A-League title challenge in 2005/06.

"He's a really good leader and really well respected by all the boys in the team," said McKinna.

"He's had an outstanding season at Spirit last year under difficult circumstances and was a natural and easy choice."

A veteran of 171 NSL appearances and an Australian Schoolboy international, Spencer was thrilled at the news of his appointment.

"I'm very honoured to be captain of the Mariners for 2005/06," said Spencer.

"It's a bonus to be the first ever captain and I can't wait for the season to kick off."

Spencer will wear the captain's armband for the first time when the Mariners take on the Newcastle United Jets at Central Coast Stadium on May 7 for the Club World Championship qualifiers.

"It's going to be very special running out for the first game for the Mariners in such a big tournament," said Spencer.

"Hopefully we can get a result to top the night off."

Ward Set For Taste Of A-League

By Richard Kreider

Young midfielder Nicky Ward will be the first Perth Glory player to taste Hyundai A-League opposition when he takes part in an Australia under-20s training camp.

"It's great to be called up again and it is getting close now to the youth World Cup so it is an opportunity for me to establish myself and show Ange (Postecoglou, National Youth Coach) that he should pick me," Ward said.

"That's the main aim, it is a really big event and with it being in Holland, there will be a lot of exposure with scouts around so I am really looking forward to it.

"I have been on a few tours (with the U20s), I went to South America, where we played Chile, Argentina and Uruguay and in the qualifiers I have been involved against Fiji, Tonga and the Solomon Islands. It is always a great experience and I know a lot of the lads from the Australian Institute of Sport so it is good fun."

While Steve McMahon's squad are preparing to take on Sydney FC or Queensland Roar in the World Club Championships qualifier on May 11, Ward will have an initial taste of A-League opposition.

"Sydney FC are probably the best team out there," Ward stated. "They are probably favourites to qualify for the World Club Championships so it will be good to have a game against them, especially as Perth Glory could be facing them on May 11."

Billy Celeski: Young Socceroo has been offered a Glory contract but is weighing up his playing options

Billy Celeski, who has been offered a one-year contract by the Glory, has also been called up to the Young Socceroos' training camp and will also go to Sydney as a Perth player if he accepts the deal made to him.

He initially rejected an offer from the Melbourne Victory much to the dissatisfaction of Victory CEO Gary Cole.

If the Glory are successful in reaching the Oceania Qualifying Group for the World Club Championship in June then players involved in the FIFA World Youth Championships will be unavailable. In this event, Football Australia will allow short-term loan players to bridge that gap.

The Glory did not have a match last week because, having sustained a number of injuries in recent weeks.

McMahon has been keen to build players' fitness before another friendly game is arranged.

KING OTTO IN OZ

Greece's wonder coach Otto Rehhagel will be touring Australia this week

By Mark Stavroulakis

The rumours are true and already many can hear the thousands of Australian-Greeks cheering.

Greece's German maestro and mentor coach Otto Rehhagel is heading down-under this week to Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane on a monumental visit that is sure to wow in all the crowds.

At 65, Rehhagel managed to lead minnows Greece to European Champions even though they had failed to win a competitive game in an international tournament.

Rehhagel, with his combination of hard discipline and an unchanging starting line-up, inspired Greece to qualify automatically for Euro 2004 ahead of Spain, after achieving a remarkable six straight wins.

He revolutionised the modern game by being the only manager in Portugal to use man-to-man marking and playing a solid defensive game, relying on counter attacks.

It was this method that brought an almost unknown Greek outfit to now being a new power-force in world football.

Names such as Stellios Giannakopoulos (Bolton), Angelos Charisteas (Ajax), Giourkas Seitaridis (Porto), Traianos Dellas (AS Roma) and captain Theodoros Zagorakis (Bologna) were just some of the many names that were unearthed from the Euro Champions thanks to Rehhagel's guidance.

Dismissed as rank outsiders (150-1 to land the cup) before the tournament, the Greek team gathered momentum as the game's big names, including France, the Czech Republic and finally hosts Portugal, succumbed one by one.

The German mentor widely acclaimed for plotting the path to glory, thanked his heroes by turning down a lucrative offer from the German Football Association to take the vacant helm in his home country, committing himself instead to lead the side to the 2006 FIFA World Cup.

At the present moment, the Greeks lie second behind front runners Ukraine, but from recent performances shown, could land that vital top spot after their up and coming encounters with the group's top team and fierce rivals Turkey during the first week of June.

After turning the football world upside down, and as reigning European champions, Greece will surely have a role to play in 2006.

Ranked 14th in the FIFA world rankings, it was the German's winning mentality that steered Greece to the heights of world football.

Melbourne's Heidelberg United Warriors have pulled off a major coup in attaining the services of the man now known in Greece as King Otto for one night only at the Crown Casino on the 23rd of April.

The proceeds on the night will go towards the Victorian Premier League club.

On the night, Rehhagel will explain his methods and his story about planning, management, strategies, goal planning and the personal sacrifices that the German paved way for his initial success.

In Sydney, NSW Premier League's Sydney Olympic, a two-time NSL champion side will host a luncheon in honour of the Greek coach on the 25th of April at the Grand Roxy in Brighton Le Sands.

Known as being one of the strongest and best supported Greek club in Australia, Olympic were delighted in capturing Otto.

Club secretary Nick Kambounias expressed his excitement on the up and coming event.

"We are all stoked at the club in being able to tag down the exclusive rights to Otto in his visit to Sydney.

"Olympic are known to many as the best backed Greek club in NSW so it was great to see the club act in securing this unbelievable coach who did ever so well to lead a side that nobody rated to eventual glory.

"His amazing achievements were not only rejoiced by Greeks from across the world but from every football fan who witnessed what happened during last year's Euro in Portugal."

ALAGICH'S ANGLE ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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The third phase of development is represented by an increase in the tactical and physical demands on the player.

Tactics is the art by which the player's technical and physical qualities are used to achieve the best possible result.

Having established a solid technical basis from the second phase of development the coach now is able to progress onto the more complex exercises of combining the technical knowledge in given specific match situations. This period fits in with puberty where we have the growth spurt, resulting in increased muscle tone.

Physical development now becomes emphasised with vivid growth in muscle strength and endurance. Coaches should be aware that this growth spurt can negatively influence coordination with or without the ball and flexibility of body movement.

This is only temporary and should stabilise towards the end of this phase of development.

With coaching tactics, as with techniques, it is important to ensure that there is a gradual progression and move from the central (basic) to the peripheral (complex) elements. In other words progressing from the simple to more difficult exercises.

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2. Group tactics
3. Team tactics

The gradual progression in coaching tactics is as follows:

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3. Player with the ball — token pressure
4. Player with the ball — full pressure

All exercises given are situational, that is, situations that the player is going to experience in the game.

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5. Forming a positive relationship within the group.

To achieve this it is important to arrange cultural/social activities. These activities will further improve the harmony within the squad and at the same time allow the coach to reach a better understanding of his players. Such activities could include dinners, picnics, film nights, trips, soccer camps etc.

In the third phase of development emphasis is placed on the tactical and physical development of the player with technical reinforcement.

In my next article I will expand on the question of the structure of a practical coaching session.

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from the dressing sheds

by Mark Stavroulakis

The price is DWIGHT

Finally a marquee player to talk about.

Sydney FC laid all rumours to rest last week after completing the signing Birmingham City striker Dwight Yorke for the start of the A-League season in August.

Andy Harper, Sydney FC's CEO stated that he has agreed to the club's terms and was delighted that the Trinidad & Tobago international chose Australia rather than more lucrative offers in the Middle East.

"Dwight Yorke has agreed to terms with Sydney FC so we're excited.

"Suffice to say that he has come here for a lot less money than he would have got in the Middle East.

"I think that speaks volumes for exactly what he wants to achieve out of this move.

"He could quite easily have gone for a great deal more money and retired even wealthier," Harper stated to AAP.

It is believed that Yorke will be arriving in Sydney in July with a huge media focus now firmly poised at one club, Sydney FC.

After shunning the tag of being the 'glamour club' of the A-League, with the new recruitments of Yorke and also new shareholder and Hollywood actor Anthony La Paglia, Harper admitted that the name was back on.

"People can put a label on if they like. It's going to be hard for them to stop I suppose," Harper stated.

Sydney FC chairman Walter Bugno was buoyed by the Yorke signing and speaking from Dubai where the club has gone for a pre-season camp, his delighted was shown in more ways than one.

"Sydney is the winner," Bugno said to the 'Sunday Telegraph'.

"But I must say that the offer from Qatar ($4 million) a few days ago certainly threw the cat amongst the pigeons.

"We were never really in the race financial wise with the two offers on the table from Qatar and Dubai".

Sydney's wonderful lifestyle is said to be one of the key reasons why the former Manchester United ace chose Sydney FC.

Now with German ace coach Pierre Littbarski at the helm, Sydney FC have surely set a target for the rest of the league to follow in promoting and marketing their team.

Yorke's signing has now bolstered up the stakes of the A-League competition.

BIG STARS COULD FOLLOW YORKE

Sydney FC's signing of Dwight Yorke has now sparked more interest in at least eight former internationals who could make the trek down under.

Teddy Sheringham, Steve McManaman, Duncan Ferguson, Paul Ince, Martin Keown, Graeme Le Saux, Gianfranco Zola and Roberto Baggio have all been linked to a move to the A-League.

What Yorke has done to the A-League could now set a trend for more stars to come.

Sydney FC's aim of getting the best possible side together has now been put in place following the recruitment of their marquee plus the lure of German coach Pierre Littbarski.

Roar trial Uruguayan playmaker

Queensland Roar have handed trials to Uruguay midfielder Osvaldo Carro.

The free-kick specialist plays in Uruguay's top flight with little Plaza Colonia.

Carro was set to have trials with Sydney FC and was also interesting Perth Glory almost two months ago, but Plaza slapped a transfer fee on his head at the time.

The Roar are looking for one more player to finalise their squad for the new year.

Let's hope that this player brings on more hope then their last foreign import who lied about his playing career.

Korean import Min-Suk Jang stated that he played over 200 K-League games and was voted Most Valuable Player in the 2001 and 2002 K-League seasons.

In actual fact, the Korean played 13 games and that was way back in 1999 when he did two years of military service where he was supposed to have been Korea's most valuable player.

Coach Miron Bleiberg has been busily training his troops in a gruelling pre-season schedule that has ship-shaped the entire Roar squad.

Sydney FC stun Asian giants Al Ain

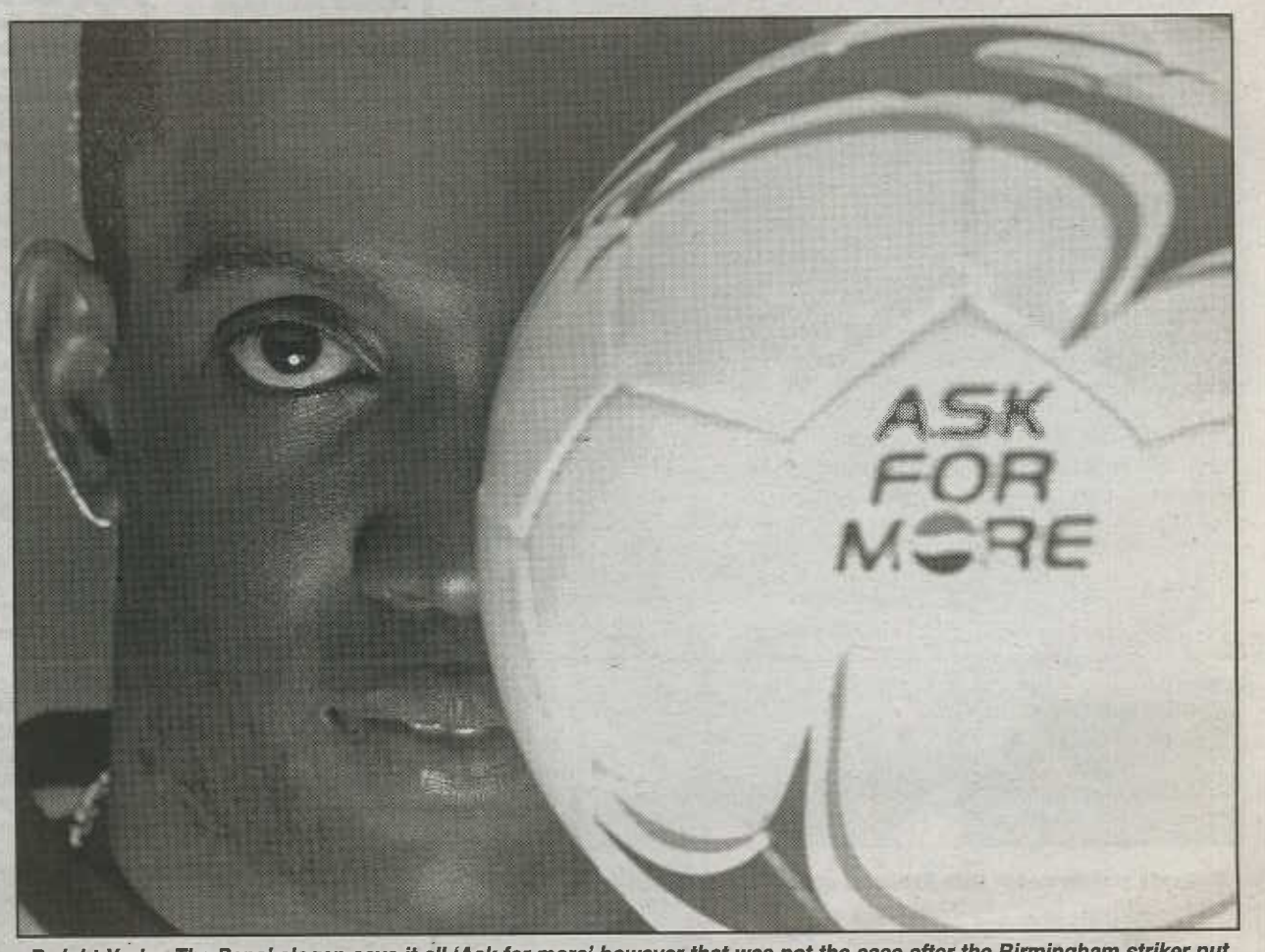
Buoyed by the signing of Dwight Yorke, Sydney FC produced an impressive performance to defeat UAE powerhouse Al Ain 1-0 last Saturday nigh.

Midfielder Ufuk Talay struck the winner on halftime in a strong all-round team performance from Sydney FC attended by the club's directors, including chairman Walter Bugno and shareholders Peter Turnbull and Michael Crismale.

Al Ain are one of the biggest clubs in the region and defending Asian Cup champions. Sydney FC's players are cock-a-hoop with the prospect of former Manchester United ace Yorke joining them from Birmingham City.

Former Everton winger David Carney told tribalfootball.com: "The lads are delighted at the prospect of playing with Dwight. All credit to the club for getting him here.

"He comes across as a good guy. He's been to a couple of training sessions and we've all said our hellos. The lads are buzzing. It's brilliant for the club."



Dwight Yorke: The Pepsi slogan says it all 'Ask for more' however that was not the case after the Birmingham striker put pen to paper on a deal with A-League glamour club Sydney FC last week

Bosnich on his way?

What's this we hear?

Former Socceroo keeper Mark Bosnich could be making a return back to Australia and could possibly field up his options with a certain A-League side.

Currently doing the circuit in the media scene in England, Bosnich still has what it takes in keeping well under the posts.

ABSW will keep its readers updated with the Bosnich to Oz case.

Glory signs Sunderland striker

PERTH Glory has signed out-of-favour Sunderland striker Neil Teggart for the inaugural A-League soccer competition.

Teggart has been prolific in front of goal as a youth international for Northern Ireland, having played at U17, U19 and U21 levels, scoring nine goals from a total of 15 matches.

The 20-year-old has been with top English League Championship club Sunderland from a young age, scoring 54 goals from 46 games in the youth ranks. The striker has taken that form into the club's senior set-up, scoring 18 goals in 24 reserve team run-outs.

"Neil is a very up-and-coming young prospect but obviously he still has a lot to learn," Perth Glory head coach Steve McMahon said.

"He had a number of issues at Sunderland and for personal reasons returned to Northern Ireland, whereupon now he is fully focused and ready to return to top class football."

While Teggart will be looking to make a name for himself with goals in the A-League this year, Perth Glory is still looking to secure the services of a proven top-level goal scorer from Europe.

Also on the Glory player front, Billy Celeski looks almost certain to sign with the club while Ray Sekulovski could join Naum at Perth in the next few days to finalise the squad.

Marconi's Young Socceroo striker Jay Lucas has also been linked with a move to Western Australia following his two-goal haul against the Blue Devils in last week's NSW Premier League.

STUART MUNRO BACK IN

Former Blackburn Rovers star Stuart Munro has once again attained a job in Australia, this time as the Oakleigh Cannons head coach following the departure of Michael Chatzitrifonas.

No stranger to the Victorian scene, Munro's assignment is to lead the Cannons to a hopeful semi-final berth this season.

The ex-Carlton man was once a leading figure in the coaching position for the Melbourne Victory but was overshadowed by Scotsman Ernie Merrick.

Bentleigh Greens have also made a new appointment, Ange Goutzioulis has signed on as player/manager for the club.

Carle faces setback

One of Australia's most talented players, Newcastle Jets' attacking midfield maestro Nicky Carle is facing a setback before the commencement of the World Club Qualifiers after sustaining a back injury.

It is said that Carle is to have surgery on his back, repairing a disc putting a damper on coach Jean Paul de Marigny's plans on fielding his strongest squad.

Meanwhile, the Jets have confirmed that they will sign three youngsters on non contractual deals in their bit to keep numbers up during training sessions.

The 20-man squad that has been a rule for all A-League clubs has been scoffed at ever since it was put in place by the FFA.

Injuries will certainly take its toll during the season so the Jets have stepped in and are on the verge of signing a trio of players in helping out their cause.

One player who has impressed the Jets management has been youngster Josh Mitchell.

On the signing front, former Socceroo skipper Paul Okon and Croatian keeper Vanja Ivesa should be putting pen to paper on their Jets contracts sometime this week.

Australia a step closer to Asia

Australia has moved a step closer in its quest to join the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) after the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) unanimously endorsed Football Federation of Australia's (FFA) proposal to resign from OFC.

With the AFC having unanimously approved the invitation of Australia to Asia, Saturday's decision by the OFC means Australia has cleared another hurdle in its bid to be formally accepted into the AFC.

"Football is an evolving game and we have to move with the times. The move of Australia to Asia is one the Executive and I fully support as it will further develop football in Australia OFC President, Reynald Temarii said.

"Their departure is the catalyst we need in OFC to try even harder to develop the game in this region."

Farina and Orsatti become mates

A peace deal has been struck between Australia coach Frank Farina and SBS reporter Andrew Orsatti.

The Sydney Morning Herald says television entrepreneur Harry Michaels brokered the peace deal by summoning both Farina and SBS journalist Andrew Orsatti to his Sydney offices last week where they are said to have apologised face-to-face and both accepted a degree of responsibility.

The alleged bust-up was the subject of inquiries by the police and Football Federation Australia.

From now on, Farina will be interviewed by Orsatti once more on SBS with no complications.

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Brisbane Premier League

PALM BEACH DISPOSE OF PINE RIVERS

By Glenn Davis

Palm Beach boosted its Brisbane premier league championship hopes with a 2-1 home game disposal of one of its main title rivals, Pine Rivers, on Saturday night.

Top of the table Palm Beach overcame a lethargic start and a goal deficit at the break to maintain its unbeaten record after six league rounds this season.

The Gold Coast side has the best defensive record of the ten league sides, conceding only two goals in its opening six matches.

However, it was Palm Beach's normal rock solid defence which caused coach Karl Herdle plenty of heartache in the opening period as Pine Rivers showed abundant enthusiasm and speed off the ball.

"They had us on the run in the first half," Herdle said.

"I'm not sure whether we had a harder training session than normal the night before or what, but we were a bit lethargic at times.

"They had the breeze in the first half which helped them a lot but we were sluggish."

Pine Rivers took an early lead on the half hour when Tim Smits capitalized on a Palm Beach midfield error to race away for a well taken goal on the break.

"It was getting a bit physical so at half time we just decided to tidy up things at the back a bit and pushed the midfield forward more," Herdle said.

Herdle's halftime chat worked wonders as the home side came out firing after the interval.

It a starkly different second half performance, Palm Beach found the equaliser through striker Daniel Fung who volleyed from 18-metres after a goal mouth scramble.

The injection off the bench of Palm Beach's John Costello proved a master stroke from Herdle when he snapped the winner five minutes from time.

Costello was making his comeback after a five week absence with a fractured cheekbone.

"He beat three defenders and then struck a shot which wrong-footed the Pine Rivers' keeper," Herdle said.

"To be honest I think he miss hit it but John wouldn't admit it later."

Herdle, whose side will meet Toowoomba next round, believed the result against Pine Rivers could prove a crucial three pointer come the season's end.

Herdle singled out 24-year-old keeper Andrew Purnell-Webb for special mention after the game.

"Andrew kept us in the game in the first half," Herdle said.

"He made three tremendous saves to keep them to one goal at the break."

Herdle believes Pine Rivers' mobility is one of its major strengths which almost proved the homeside's undoing.

"They are very mobile and ran us ragged early on," he said.

"We had terrible trouble handling their long balls as well."

Palm Beach's main championship rival Souths also remained unbeaten after being held to a 1-all draw by Brisbane City on Sunday.

The biggest upset of the round came from Easts who stunned Brisbane Strikers with a 1-nil win, while Taringa Rovers also surprised with a 4-1 victory over Mitchelton, after leading 2-1 at halftime.

Rochedale led 2-nil at the break against Toowoomba before running out easy 6-1 victors while Brisbane Wolves beat University 4-3 in a thriller.

Strikers coach Bobby Hamilton was bitterly disappointed with his side's performance after going down to Eastern Suburbs at Perry Park.

Hamilton sets high standards for his teams and despite winning against Uni' last week the well-travelled coach has demanded more from his charges but they failed to deliver against Michael Brockwell's Easts.

The Tigers have the leakiest defence in the league but they kept a clean sheet against the Strikers who were missing the influential Jamie Lowndes through injury.

To make matters worse for the home side the solitary goal was scored by ex Strikers player Paul Brownlie who won it for the Tigers five minutes from time.

The goal, which had looked on the cards, was a neat move and when the ball was swung in from the right hand side Brownlie made no mistake with a powerful header into the corner that gave Strikers keeper Antony Hall no chance.

It was a committed performance from Easts and they thoroughly deserved the points.

They were hungrier and more determined than their hosts and may even have opened the scoring much earlier with several good chances going to waste in the opening quarter hour.

Greg DiLosa had the best of the Strikers chances ten minutes before half time but his clever lead-up work was not matched by the finish and Jason Parks in Easts' goal was able to smother.

Parks' display was underlined by a tremendous one-handed save from a DiLosa header just before the break.

In the second period Easts' commitment was again proving to be the difference between the two teams and although the Strikers did have opportunities it was clear that this was to be the visitor's day.

As the game wound down to its conclusion, last week's hero Damien Waugh turned villain when he was dismissed for serious foul play.

"We wanted this more than they did I think. Everyone was writing us off before the game and I had Strikers fans coming up to me saying that they were looking to improve their goal difference against us. That really spurred us on and it showed on the pitch," Brockwell said.

Taringa's early season promise, which had recently looked in danger of evaporating, was back with a bang in their home fixture with the in-form Mitchelton.

The visitors, who had won their last three games, started brightly enough and opened the scoring as early as the ninth minute.

Andrew Balzat was given too much room 25 metres from the Taringa goal and his left foot drive zipped past the surprised Gerard Kelly in the Rovers goal.

On the quarter hour the home side spurned a glorious opportunity to equalise when top scorer Reza Aysen missed a penalty after Mitchelton keeper Ben Wicks needlessly felled Andrew Imrie.

Wicks received a yellow card for his misdemeanor but Aysen put his spot kick way too close to the Mitchelton custodian and he saved easily.

Aysen was looking out of sorts in front of goal, but he turned provider just after the half hour when his pass to Brad Lacey left the winger with enough space to drill his shot under Wicks for the equaliser.

Moments later Mermer missed a golden chance to restore Mitchelton's lead and his side paid for the mistake in the 39th minute.

Daniel Dreger whipped in a free kick from the right hand side and Alex Davani met the cross with a spectacular diving header that gave Wicks no chance.

The second half was a scrappy affair with Mitchelton huffing and puffing but creating little in the way of genuine opportunities.

Despite their dominance of the ball nothing seemed to be going right for Greg Brown's side and with six minutes left on the clock Aysen confirmed the win with the third goal for Rovers.

Things went from bad to worse for the visitors when Mermer was dismissed for dissent just before time, then Aysen, who had been a virtual spectator for most of the half, added Taringa's fourth right on full time.

Taringa coach Alan Waller admitted it was a crucial win for his team.

"It was a battle and we expected that. We had a bit of luck today and it's a good three points for us," Waller said.

"Some people had been saying that the wheels had fallen off for us and we needed to win today to show people that we are still a tough side to play."

PREMIER LEAGUE

Taringa Rovers	4	Mitchelton	1
Palm Beach	2	Pine Rivers	1
Brisbane Strikers	0	Eastern Suburbs	1
Rochedale Rovers	6	Toowoomba Raiders	1
Brisbane City	1	Souths United	1
Brisbane Wolves	4	Uni of Qld	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Palm Beach	**6**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**5**	**18**
Rochedale Rovers	6	5	0	1	17	7	15
Brisbane City	6	3	1	2	12	12	10
Pine Rivers	6	2	3	1	13	8	9
Souths United	6	2	3	1	12	9	9
Eastern Suburbs	6	2	1	3	8	9	7
Taringa Rovers	6	2	1	3	9	12	7
Toowoomba	6	1	3	2	9	1	6
Brisbane Strikers	6	1	2	3	8	11	5
Mitchelton	6	1	2	3	6	14	5
Uni of Qld	6	0	4	2	6	11	4
Brisbane Wolves	6	0	2	4	1	12	2

PREMIER RESERVES

Taringa Rovers	5	Mitchelton	1
Palm Beach	3	Pine Rivers	2
Brisbane Strikers	0	Easts	0
Rochedale Rovers	4	Toowoomba	1
Brisbane City	2	Souths	2
Brisbane Wolves	0	Uni of Qld	0

DIVISION ONE

Brisbane Olympic	0	Mt Gravatt	2
Peninsula Power	3	Redlands United	3
Capalaba	0	Beenleigh	2
Albany Creek	5	The Gap	3
Ipswich City	0	Western Spirit	5
Ipswich Knights	1	Rocklea United	1

DIVISION TWO

Newmarket	4	Grange Thistle	1
Southside Eagles	0	Annerley	3
Acacia Ridge	1	North Pine	4
Bethania	2	Samford	1
Slacks Creek	1	Moggill United	3
Brisbane Force	2	Oxley United	1

DIVISION TWO RESERVES

Newmarket	1	Grange Thistle	2
Southside Eagles	0	Annerley	0
Acacia Ridge	0	North Pine	7
Bethania	5	Samford	0
Slacks Creek	0	Moggill United	4
Brisbane Force	9	Oxley United	0

PREMIER YOUTH

Palm Beach	3	Queensland Lions	2
Rochedale Rovers	1	Mitchelton	2
Brisbane City	3	Taringa	1
Brisbane Wolves	1	Pine Rivers	3
Brisbane Strikers	DNP	Souths United	DNP

PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

SATURDAY 23RD APRIL

Eastern Suburbs	**vs**	**Rochedale Rovers**
Toowoomba	**vs**	**Palm Beach**
Mitchelton	**vs**	**Brisbane City**
Souths United	**vs**	**Brisbane Strikers**
Pine Rivers	**vs**	**Brisbane Wolves**

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL

Uni of Qld	**vs**	**Taringa Rovers**

OFC Club Champs draw made

The winner of the Australian Club World Championship qualifying tournament will take on New Zealand outfit Auckland City FC, Sobou FC of Papua New Guinea and the Tahiti club runner-up in the 2005 Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) Club Championship.

The draw was held on Saturday in Noumea, New Caledonia, with Australia's representative being drawn in Group A. Group B consists of Tafea FC from Vanuatu, as well as Makuru FC (Solomon Is), AS Magenta (New Caledonia) and the Tahiti club champions.

The tournament will be in held Papeete, Tahiti from 30 May - 10 June 2005, with the winner of the Championship going on to represent OFC at the FIFA World Club Championship in Japan in December.

Australia's representative will be known in mid-May following the Australian Club World Championship qualifying tournament final at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Group A:
1. Australian Club Champion
2. Auckland City FC (New Zealand)
3. Sobou FC (Papua New Guinea)
4. Tahiti Club Runner-Up

Group B:
1. Tafea FC (Vanuatu)
2. Makuru FC (Solomon Is)
3. AS Magenta(New Caledonia)
4. Tahiti Club Champions

2005-2006 FIFA CWC Australian Qualifying Tournament Draw

Sat 7 May 2005			
Sydney FC	Queensland Roar FC	3:45pm	Central Coast Stadium
Central Coast Mariners FC	Newcastle Jets FC	7:30pm	Central Coast Stadium
Adelaide United FC	Melbourne Victory FC	7:30pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
Semi Finals Wed 11 May 2005			
Perth Glory FC	Winner Sydney/Queensland	7:30pm	Members Equity Stadium
Winner CC Mariners/Newcastle	Winner Adelaide/Melbourne	7:30pm	Central Coast Stadium
Final Sun 15 May 2005			
Winner 1st S/F	Winner 2nd S/F	3:00pm	Hindmarsh Stadium

Victorian Premier League

LIONS CRASH BLUES PARTY

By Alan Clark

Substitute Steve Manceski had only entered the game seven minutes before the end, but scored the goal which give Preston Lions a late win against South Melbourne at Bob Jane Stadium on Sunday evening.

Manceski's goal came as both sides probably resigned themselves to the draw being the outcome of a tightly-contested game.

His shot from distance took a deflection which carried it wide of South goalkeeper Dean Anastasiadis.

"I'm definitely happy to take all three points today," said Lions' coach Vlado Vanis after the game.

"This was a game (which) could have gone either way."

"It's always sweet to win in the last minute," he said.

"We had a point in our pocket last week until a ninety-first minute penalty against us and we lost.

What goes around, comes around."

"It was a very tight game, again," said South coach John Anastasiadis.

"We didn't deserve to lose. And the way we lost (with a deflected goal) was pretty cruel. (Dean) would have had it (otherwise)."

"We were a bit flat today," he said. "It's amazing that we've conceded only four goals in ten games and we've lost two of them."

A coach especially enjoys it when a subsitution causes the game to be turned, and Vanis was beaming at Manceski's effective cameo.

"His form was a little bit down, and I decided to leave him on the bench," he said. "(With) his speed and experience, I decided to give him fifteen or twenty minutes and I thought he could do some damage." Manceski was afforded less than half of that, but still turned the match.

The first half was full of commitment and energy but few chances were created at either end.

As the half drew to a close, South perhaps had the edge, but were always vulnerable to Lions' quick-breaking forwards Johnny Sapazovski and Serkan Oksuz.

Con Blatsis and Steven O'Dor were kept on their toes and had to work hard to ensure their line was not breached.

Giant Lions' goalkeeper Daniel Zilic came to his side's rescue with an excellent point-blank reaction save from Ryan Dinse's header as the first half ended.

Vaughan Coveny had found himself on the end of a far-post cross from the right, and turned to send the ball back to the edge of the six-yard area.

Dinse rose to met the ball perfectly and was able to put plenty of power into his header.

Anthony Magnacca was proving instrumental in setting up the Lions' more dangerous moves throughout the game.

"Magnacca is one of our better players," said Vanis. "If he lifts his fitness level another twenty percent, I think he's going to be in top form."

South's better opportunities arose by the route one approach from deep in defence to Coveny whose pace and control required alertness in the Lions' central defenders Zia Younan and Las Anastasiou.

"We were trying to get the ball as quick as possible up front," said Anastasiadis. "We wanted to score goals. It's as simple as that."

Whilst the less socially skilled on the terraces enjoyed their last moments of freedom before school resumed the following day by baiting each other during the interval across a twenty-metre divide soon thereafter doubled by the police, the coaches were busy re-appraising their tactics for the second half.

John Anastasiadis could not have been pleased with the miscommunication between Dean Anastasiadis and Blatsis just after the break which led to a Lions' corner and could easily have produced a worse South fate.

Immediately after, a quick South break up the right involving the lightning fast Billy Natsioulas had the final ball just too far ahead of Scot MacNicol for comfort.

Zilic had to be out sharply to block and allow the ball to be scrambled clear.

Fernando Moraes blew a golden opportunity just before the hour by shooting over after being sent clear at the edge of the penalty-area from a fine defence-splitting pass by Natsioulas.

In a game where good chances were difficult to come by, the Brazilian should have done much better.

"In a cut-throat game like today, you've got to take those chances," said Anastasiadis, a renowned scorer in his own playing days.

"We didn't, and we suffered."

As the game entered its final third, Blatsis pushed forward.

His charges from the back created an extra player and signalled sign South's intention to chase the win and the chance to regain the Premier League leader's position.

Manceski's shot from distance in the game's dying moments sent the points

Preston's way only seconds after Oksuz spurned a chance when set free, lobbing Anastasiadis but finding the ball landing wide rather than inside.

If South hearts had at that point jumped, then steadied, the deflection from Manceski's shot caused them to break.

VPL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully Cavaliers	**10**	**7**	**2**	**1**	**11**	**4**	**23**
South Melbourne	10	6	2	2	9	4	20
Frankston Pines	10	5	1	4	15	11	16
Heidelberg United	10	4	4	2	13	11	16
Altona Magic	10	4	3	3	16	13	15
Fawkner-Whittlesea	10	4	2	4	14	11	14
Oakleigh Cannons	10	3	4	3	15	11	13
Essendon Royals	9	4	1	4	9	8	13
Sunshine Georgies	9	4	1	4	14	14	13
Melbourne Knights	10	3	4	3	12	12	13
Preston Lions	10	2	5	3	12	14	11
Bulleen Zebras	9	1	5	3	6	8	8
St Albans Saints	9	2	0	7	4	15	6
Bentleigh Greens	10	1	2	7	5	19	5

VPL RESULTS ROUND 10

Oakleigh Cannons 1
Melbourne Knights 1

Frankston Pines 0
Green Gully Cavaliers 0

Heidelberg United 2
Essendon Royals 1

Bentleigh Greens 0
Fawkner/Whittlesea 0

St Albans Saints 1
Altona Magic 3

South Melbourne 0
Preston Lions 1

Played Monday:Bulleen Zebras vs Sunshine Georgies – Result not known at time of publication

VPL TOP SCORERS: 4 goals - Stuart Riddle (AM); Michael Curcija (ER); Matt Durand (FP); George Goutzioulis (OC); John Sapazovski (PL); Tony Neceski (SGX)

SUMMARY

Oakleigh Cannons 1
Melbourne Knights 1

Ex-NSL coach Stuart Munro had his first game in charge of the Oakleigh Cannons on Friday evening and watched his new charges escape with a 1-1 draw against the Melbourne Knights.

The well-organised Knights, led by midfielders Hrvoje Matkovic and Ivan Gelemanovic, shut down the Oakleigh playmakers and played some enterprising football themselves when they had the ball.

The Knights were rewarded for their hard work just before half-time when Gelemanovic from just outside the box showed great touch to loft the ball over the defence and deceive the keeper.

The Knights held their one-nil lead for half an hour, but midway through the second half one lapse in concentration cost them and they were punished. The experienced Sam Poutakidis took advantage of some space on the left, took the ball to the by-line and whipped in a cross that was met by Anthony Pelikan to score against his former club.

The goal seemed to lift Oakleigh and they went in search of a winner. But their comeback was halted with ten minutes to go when Oakleigh defender Felix Rosman was red-carded for pulling back Dario Matkovic when he was free on goal.

Frankston Pines 0
Green Gully Cavaliers 0

A disappointing crowd was on hand in ideal conditions to watch this battle between first and third on Saturday.

The couple of hundred spectators who did turn up were treated to plenty of end-to-end action mixed with solid defending as each side tried valiantly to break open their opponent, but in the end had to settle for a nil-all draw.

Goalscoring chances were shared evenly between the teams, with Green Gully's best opportunity being Zoran Markovski's long range shot that clipped the crossbar early in the first half.

Frankston also went close several times, including one second-half effort from Cam Leopold that was cleared off the line.

However for both teams promising moves were too often let down by a poor final ball or wayward finishing.

There were a nervous final five minutes for the home team when Billy Armour limped off with an injury after Frankston had already made their allotted three substitutions.

Heidelberg United 2
Essendon Royals 1

For the second week in a row, Heidelberg left it to the dying minutes before clinching victory, as they held off Essendon at the Olympic Village on Sunday.

Heidelberg had dominated the first half against an out-of-sorts Royals and went into the break one-nil up and probably should have been leading by a few goals more.

The first half goal was credited to Nick Marinos when he deflected teammate Robert Liparoti's shot on goal.

Essendon put on a much better performance in the second half, were quickly on level terms courtesy of Nick Schwal's equaliser, and with momentum now the Royals' way, looked the more likely to get a second.

However with just five minutes to go, Heidelberg midfielder Bill Damianos took a quick free kick, playing the ball to an unmarked Marinos to score a double and earn Heidelberg the three points.

Green Gully's Rodrigo Vargas in action against the Frankston Pines last weekend

St Albans 1
Altona Magic 3

Altona leapt from ninth to fifth position with a solid victory away to struggling St Albans.

The Delev borthers, Koce and Kole, were the stars for the Magic, with Kole scoring twice and Koce getting the winner.

Altona got off to an ideal start with a goal in the opening minutes, but St Albans managed to equalise soon after half-time. Stung into action, Altona stepped up another gear and ended up comfortable two goal winners.

Bentleigh Greens 0
Fawkner-Whittlesea 0

Fawkner were going for their fourth win on the trot, but were held to a nil-all draw at bottom-placed Bentleigh.

The Azzurri had the opportunity to move into third position on the table, but put in one of their worst performances of the season.

For Bentleigh it was a continuation of their much improved recent form, and though they have not been winning and remain in last place.

Round 11 VPL Fixtures

Sunday April 24th
Melbourne Knights vs Altona Magic
Sunshine Georgies vs Oakleigh Cannons
Preston Lions vs Frankston Pines
Bentleigh Greens vs St Albans Saints
Green Gully Cavaliers vs Bulleen Zebras

Monday April 25th
Essendon Royals vs South Melbourne
Fawkner/Whittlesea vs Heidelberg United

SOCCER NSW LIFTOUT

OLYMPIC'S EURO DREAM

URUKALO INSPIRED BY VISITING REHHAGEL'S SUCCESS

By Greg Stock

Sydney Olympic coach Michael Urukalo is looking to emulate the Giant-killing success of Greek national team coach Otto Rehhagel.

Currently embroiled in an eight team dog-fight to decide the top four positions in the Championship Group, Urukalo will look to the inspiration of Rehhagel, who is expected to be the special guest of Sydney Olympic on Anzac Day for their match against second placed Bankstown City Lions.

"What Otto Rehhagel did for the Greek national team is quite similar to what we are trying to do at Sydney Olympic," Urukalo said.

"Nobody gave them a chance to win Euro 2004, just like nobody is giving us a chance to make the top four. But we are coming, and I guarantee that we are going all out to make the semi-finals."

Otto Rehhagel the coach who guided Greece to its famous Euro 2004 victory

Sydney Olympic Mike Urukalo hopes to emulate the giant killing success of Otto Rehhagel

CITY AND UNITED PLUMMET

While Olympic are on something of a roll having won three of their last four games the same can't be said for Premiers Blacktown City and title favourites Sydney United whose season's are going south at a rate of knots.

Fresh from their premiership victory a month ago, the Demons have lost their last three matches on end.

Sydney United have recorded just one win in their last eight starts, and face the very real threat of dropping from the top four if they can't get over the Saints this weekend.

MANLY GO GOAL CRAZY

In the Challenger Group, Manly have racked up an impressive 11 goals in the past two weeks to move into contention for the wild card. Having scored just 17 goals in 16 matches, United are on something of a goalscoring spree as they face warm favourites Marconi in a crunch game this Saturday night.

CUP MINNOWS SEEK ANOTHER CONQUEST

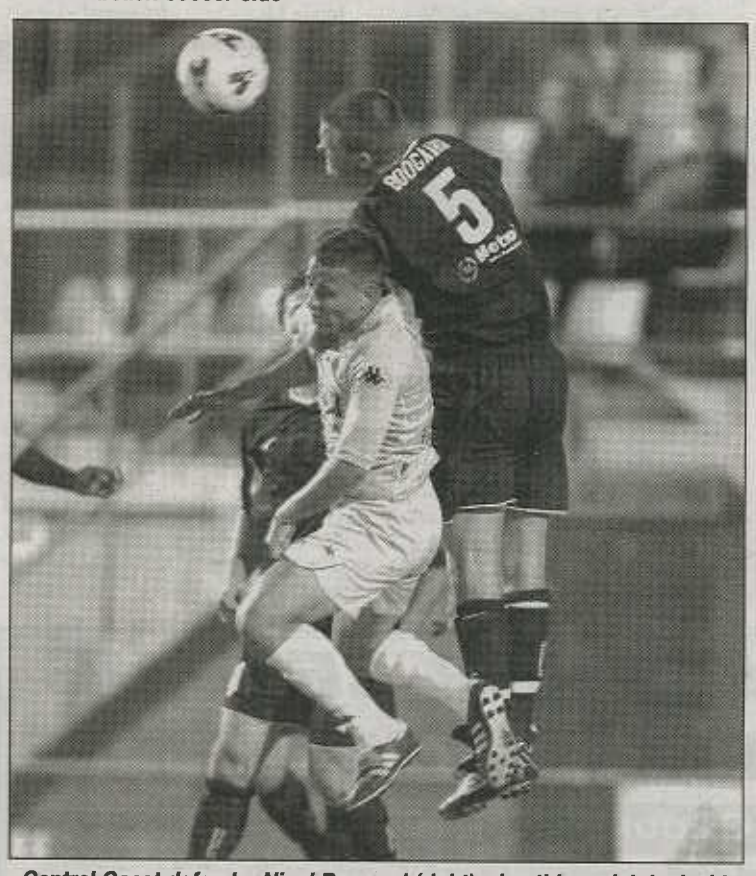
The quarter finals of the Continental Tyres Cup get underway this Wednesday night with giant-killers Roosters F.C. meeting A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt in a real David versus Goliath clash at Garside Park. In other matches, Urukalo and his Sydney Olympic side meet the Blue Devils at Sydney Olympic Park while the Saints face the Wolves at St. George Stadium.

Former France and Manchester United striker Eric Cantona, is a potential opponent of Australia's beach soccer side

BEACH COMP DRAWS BIG GUNS

Some Premier League clubs face the very real possibility of losing some of their big guns on the eve of the final series to the Australian Beach Soccer side.

The team which held training for the first time last Saturday, is due to be selected this week, with a number of prominent names being mentioned. Jimmy Bakis, George Souris, Pablo Cardozo, Steve Karavatakis and Andrew Crews are rumoured to be amongst the squad, which will play in the same group as Argentina and France, who have former international Eric Cantona in their squad.



Central Coast defender Nigel Boogard (right) wins this aerial duel with Marconi's Leo Carle. They will be team mates in the new Central Coast Mariners A-League side.

WINTER SUPER LEAGUE HEADLINES

- Unbeaten FC Bossy Liverpool go top
- Fraser Park finally lose
- Uni's McDougall scores two winners
- Nash and Hammond spark amazing Rams rally
- McCrory and Manca bag winning doubles

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WOMENS SUPER LEAGUE

- Leader Marconi made to work hard for latest win
- Cooper scores three as Rams keep pace with Stallions
- Ruiz notches hat-trick in Southern's first victory
- Rockall on target twice in Penrith win

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NSW PREMIER LEAGUE

AT A GLANCE

CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP

ST GEORGE 0
BONNYRIGG 4

Despite employing a new coach in former Socceroo Milan Blagojevic, it was business as usual this week for Bonnyrigg as they unleashed a four goal second half blitz on a hapless St. George.

The Saints had no answer to the White Eagles all-out attacking style and were thoroughly outclassed, allowing the visitors to move back into top spot in the Championship Group.

A.P.I.A-LEICHHARDT 2
BLACKTOWN 0

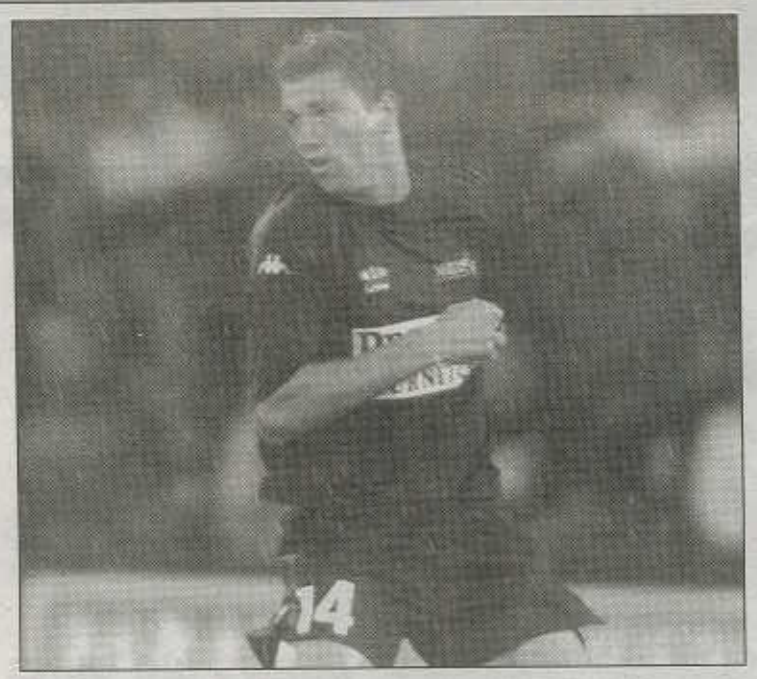
A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt snapped a four game losing streak to account for a disappointing Blacktown City 2-0 at Lambert Park.

Since winning the premiership trophy last month, the Demons have lost all three of their second round matches and have slipped to fifth, under pressure from a number of teams all chasing a coveted top four spot.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0
ROCKDALE 1

Rockdale City Suns still have an outside chance of forcing a top four position after accounting for Sydney Olympic 1-0 at Jubilee Stadium.

Both sides didn't do themselves any favours by trying to kick each other off the park and it was left to Nick Bosevski to settle the issue with a solo 62nd minute strike.



Young Socceroo Jay Lucas scored a second half double as surging Marconi thrashed Central Coast 4-1 at Marconi Stadium

BANKSTOWN 3
SYDNEY UNITED 2

Sydney United's season continues to head south after they failed to hold a 2-1 lead going into the last ten minutes against Bankstown City.

The Lions scored twice via player/coach Peter Tsekenis and striker Matthew Borg to run United down, and leave them tenuously placed in fourth spot, while Bankstown join the White Eagles at the top of the Championship group.

CHALLENGER GROUP

PARRAMATTA 2
WOLLONGONG 1

Parramatta Eagles have thrown the cat amongst the pigeons in the Challenger Group, bouncing back from a 5-0 pasting by Manly United F.C. to tip out former NSL champions Wollongong Wolves 2-1.

The Eagles showed much more desperation than the Wolves, who resorted to route one tactics in a largely uninspiring match that eases pressure on Eagles boss Trevor Morgan.

MARCONI 4
CENTRAL COAST 1

Marconi has emerged as a warm favourite to win the 'wild card' after they destroyed a dispirited Central Coast United side 4-1 at Marconi Stadium. The Stallions win was their fourth straight victory, masterminded by a cameo performance from Jay Lucas, who picked up a second half double.

SYDNEY CRESCENT STAR 0
MANLY UNITED 6

Manly United F.C. racked up an impressive 6-0 victory over bottom side Sydney Crescent Star to keep alive their hopes for the coveted 'wild card' spot.

Former Northern Spirit midfielder John Hutchinson picked up a hat-trick and set the tone for the afternoon, while veteran Steve Berry also snared a rare double. Manly have now scored 11 goals in their last two matches and look to be in ominous form.

BLUE DEVILS 2
PENRITH 1

Penrith coach Tony Rassmussen described his side's 2-1 defeat by the Blue Devils as "heartbreaking."

"We had seven injuries and brought a 16-year-old, Mitchell Long, into the side to make his debut. I would have been happy with a draw, but we didn't deserve to lose," Rassmussen said. His opposite number, Chris Tanzey, was sympathetic.

"I know how he feels because I've felt the same way a few times this season," Tanzey said.

"We lost the initiative after we scored the first goal and the game was drifting away until we got the break in stoppage time."

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LOCAL VOCAL TRIBAL

CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP

ROUND 18: FIRST GRADE: St George Saints 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 4 (V Tomasevic 47/93m J Sobczyk 61m T Martin 63m), **Bankstown City Lions 3** (M Borg 10/90m P Tsekenis 80m) **Sydney United 2** (L Glavas 57m P Cardozo 79m), **A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers 2** (L Gunn 13m L Drake 73m) **Blacktown City Demons 0, Sydney Olympic 0 Rockdale City Suns 1** (N Bosevski 62m).

GRADE 20: St George Saints 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0, Bankstown City Lions 2 (D Grozdanovski 23m N Gorsevski 71m) **Sydney United 4** (T Spencer 40m N Chahda 53m L Berbis 55m A Rizzo 82m), **A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers 1** (M Bonus 33m) **Blacktown City Demons 2** (B Maroney 80m B Vidaic 83m), **Sydney Olympic 3** (C Bottalico 60m P Makrys 64m R Di Meglio 88m) **Rockdale City Suns 2** (D Wilson 35m G Cabrera 68m).

CHALLENGER GROUP

ROUND 18: FIRST GRADE: Marconi Stallions 4 (L Carle 8m T Brodie 31m J Lucas 61/83m) **Central Coast United 1** (K Wolfenden 59m), **Blue Devils 2** (D Macor 66m D Wells 92m) **Penrith Nepean United 1** (L O'Connell 73m), **Parramatta Eagles 2** (M Brown 52m R Cardozo 59m) **Wollongong Wolves 1** (M Clare 61m), **Sydney Crescent Star 0 Manly United FC 6** (J Hutchinson 5/8/69m S Berry 27/76m A Mailer 32m).

GRADE 20: Marconi Stallions 3 (T Buyukkopru 14m P Polito 35m D Miller 85m) **Central Coast United 1** (H Canli 54m pen), **Blue Devils Penrith Nepean United, Parramatta Eagles 3** (M Dowling 5/70m N Burns 68m) **Wollongong Wolves 3** (M Werakso 6m D Miladinski 54/61m), **Sydney Crescent Star 0 Manly United FC 2** (J Funnell 23m N Guglielmino 57m).

TOP GOALSCORERS

15	**Adam Kwasnik (BCD)**
12	Robbie Cattanach (BD), Nick Bosevski (RCS),
10	Shane McGirr (WW), Daniel Severino (BCL)
9	Peter Haynes (CCU), Tallan Martin (BWE), Pablo Cardozo (SU),

CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
1 Bonnyrigg White Eagles	**18**	**11**	**3**	**4**	**37**	**19**	**18**	**36**
2 Bankstown City Lions	18	10	6	2	30	23	7	36
3 Blacktown City Demons	18	10	2	6	36	35	1	32
4 Sydney United	18	8	6	4	38	25	13	30
5 A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers	18	8	4	6	18	21	-3	28
6 Sydney Olympic	18	8	3	7	30	23	7	27
7 Rockdale City Suns	18	7	5	6	27	25	2	26
8 St George Saints	18	7	5	6	26	24	2	26

CHALLENGER GROUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
1 Marconi Stallions	**18**	**6**	**7**	**5**	**28**	**24**	**4**	**25**
2 Blue Devils	18	6	6	6	35	30	5	24
3 Manly United FC	18	5	7	6	28	26	2	22
4 Wollongong Wolves	18	6	4	8	24	29	-5	22
5 Parramatta Eagles	18	6	3	9	23	37	-14	21
6 Central Coast United	18	5	3	10	29	28	1	18
7 Penrith Nepean United	18	4	4	10	26	38	-12	16
8 Sydney Crescent Star	18	1	4	13	21	49	-28	5

1 Sydney Crescent Star adjusted -2 points

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP

Round 19 — Saturday 23rd April			
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	Blacktown City Demons	Serbian Centre	7:00pm
Rockdale City Suns	A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers	St George Stadium	7:00pm
Sunday 24th April			
Sydney United	St George Saints	Sydney United Sports Centre	3:00pm
Monday 25th April			
Sydney Olympic	Bankstown City Lions	Oki Jubilee Stadium	3:30pm

CHALLENGER GROUP

Round 19 — Saturday 23rd April			
Central Coast United	Parramatta Eagles	Pluim Park	7:00pm
Marconi Stallions	Manly United FC	Marconi Stadium	7:00pm
Blue Devils	Sydney Crescent Star	Belconnen Soccer Centre	7:00pm
Sunday 24th April			
Wollongong Wolves	Penrith Nepean United	John Crehan Park	4:00pm

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URUKALO UPBEAT DESPITE UPSET DEFEAT

By Greg Stock

Sydney Olympic coach Michael Urukalo is adamant his young side can still make the top four despite their 1-0 loss to Rockdale City Suns last Sunday night at Oki Jubilee Stadium.

WHO'S HOT: Zenon Caravella, Peter MacPherson and Damon Collina are the lifeblood of the Olympic side and again showed their younger team mates the way. "Why these guys aren't playing A-League is beyond me," said Urukalo.

WHO'S NOT: What is going on with Ilija Prenzoski? Last season he won the Gold Medal and was a devastating player, this year he has hardly made a ripple in the Premier League pond.

X-FACTOR: Nick Bosevski – another class finish from a quality striker.

In a stunning reversal of form, Olympic had their three game unbeaten run snapped by a tough Suns outfit, who used their physical presence to full advantage.

"This was a wake-up call, a reality check, but I still believe we will make the top four," said Urukalo, whose side dropped one spot to sixth.

"We were kicked off the park today, but we'll bounce back. After all, we still have to play a number of the top sides over the next four weeks"

Sadly for the army of Olympic fans that flocked to Jubilee Stadium, it was referee Matthew Breeze and not departing striker Greg Owens, who was the star of the show. Breeze battled patiently in trying circumstances, handing out just two cautions and a ton of free kicks, in a game which was marred by an endless stream of crude tackles, shirt pulling and poor discipline – the very worst in football.

Despite dominating the majority of the match, Olympic were nullified by a ruthless Suns defence who gave away very little and shackled their more fancied opponents.

Sydney Olympic	**0**
Rockdale City Suns	**1**

Nick Bosevski again showed why he is the best Premier League player without an A-League contract, scoring the only goal of the match during a dull and lifeless second half. His 62nd minute strike came by way of a corner, when he timed a run at the back post and was able to peel off a shot in heavy traffic. He narrowly missed bagging a brace, when his 74th minute strike sailed wide in what was one of only a handful of opportunities for either side.

"We did it tough today and I was very happy with the way we played as a unit and worked hard," said Rockdale coach Ivan Petkovic. "We proved today we can battle and that will give us a lot of heart going into the rest of the season."

In the Olympic dressing room, Urukalo was looking forward to the next four rounds as he seeks to position his side for a run at the top four. "We are a young side and that touch of inexperience cost us today," Urukalo said.

"Today's loss is a blessing in disguise. We still have the cup and another four tough matches and we'll use the loss to refocus on the job at hand."

Urukalo will be forced to do without Owens for the rest of the season after he accepted a contract in Malaysia. With a lack of experience in a number of key positions, it will be up to the genius of Urukalo to turn what is largely a bunch of boys into a competitive top four outfit.

"Owens will be a big loss for us," said Urukalo. "But nobody gave us a chance to make the top eight and here we are. In football anything is possible."

Rockdale's Nick Bosevski proved the match winner with the only goal of the game against Sydney Olympic

Olympic's Zenon Caravella is pictured here in the rain, but he was in hot form against Rockdale

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0

ROCKDALE CITY SUNS 1
(N Bosevski 62')
@Oki Jubilee Stadium, Kogarah

SYDNEY OLYMPIC
Formation: 3-4-3
Coach: Michael Urukalo
Line-up: Cem Akili – Damon Collina, Shane Lyons, Peter MacPherson - Carlo Musumeci (Bishara Stefan 59'), Zenon Caravella, Dominic Hudap (Chris Rigopoulos 67'), Marino Musumeci (Tony Papadopoulos 75') – Greg Owens, Tarek Elrich, Matthew Gordon.

ROCKDALE CITY SUNS
Formation: 4-4-2
Coach: Ivan Petkovic

Line-up: Steve Minovski – Scott Baillie, Richard Plesa, Michael Cindric, Peter Apolevski – Paul Biliokapic (Tony Ju 89'), Cameron Jones (Robbie Gomez 59'), Ryan Jones, Max Sevares – Nick Bosevski, Ilija Prenzoski.

Referee: Matthew Breeze
Assistant Referees: Brian Seymour and Mark Nemorin
Fourth Official: Ryan Shepheard

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE ACTION

VUKO SMASHES THE SAINTS

St George Saints	0
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	4

By Paul Goodwin

Skipper Vuko Tomasevic led a second half charge, as Bonnyrigg White Eagles under new coach Milan Blagojevic, executed another 4-0 demolition of St George and completed a hat-trick of wins over that club this season.

The scoreline at a windswept St George Stadium last Sunday was the same as the round seven meeting between the two sides at The Serbian Centre back in January, and the White Eagles beat the Saints 2-1 in the Johnny Warren Cup Final last November.

Tomasevic helped himself to two fine goals and had a great time out on the left flank. The visitors made the Saints pay for their inability to capitalise on the first use of the strong breeze.

St George, who enjoyed a greater share of the ball, only really troubled keeper Glen Moss once in the first period. Moss pulled off a magnificent save to tip over the bar a superb shot from outside the box, by pint-sized striker John Buonavoglia, who despite a great display of front running, was unfortunately unable to garner much support.

Moss commanded his area well, dealing with a barrage of high balls in the swirling wind. He let his defence take care of the rest, with a well-organised backline restricting the Saints to only a few shots from outside the area.

This strategy set things up nicely for a second half onslaught by Bonnyrigg, coached for the first time by Blagojevic, who took over from John Turner after the team's previous win.

It took less than two minutes of the second half for Tomasevic to make his presence felt.

A throw on the right, from Michael Hawrysiuk, was not cleared decisively enough and the ball fell to the left-footed wizard, Tomasevic.

It was an invitation too good to resist. The skipper did what he does best and found the top right corner of the net from 25 yards out on the left of the area, giving Andrew Crews no chance.

It was almost a repeat, in the 61st minute, when a Bonnyrigg corner was not cleared and the ball reached Tomasevic on the left by-line.

His low cross into the goalmouth proved too difficult for the Saints' defence to deal with, and Jack Sobczyk was able to rifle the loose ball through a sea of legs into the back of the net.

The White Eagles took off a tiring Tolgay Ozbey, whose hard work and skill on the ball in the first half had gone unrewarded, and brought on the creative David Reid.

It was a decision that reaped dividends almost immediately.

Reid got past his man on the right and cut the ball back perfectly for the industrious Tallan Martin to steer the ball past Crews with power and precision.

St George were clearly a beaten team by now. The Bonnyrigg midfield of Balla Conde and Darren McDonald, in particular, sprayed the ball around effortlessly. The Saints could not keep possession long enough to make any use of the ball.

Tomasevic almost got his second goal in the 68th minute, forcing a top save from Crews. At the other end, Raphael Bove had a good shot taken well by Moss, who was flawless throughout.

St George appeals for a late penalty, when Buonavoglia was brought down, were waved away when it was noticed that the assistant had already raised his flag for offside.

Tomasevic had the final word in a game he should remember for some time.

In stoppage time he danced down the left and got to the by-line, and was able to find the bottom right corner of the net from what looked an impossible angle.

Full honours to Bonnyrigg who continue to hold a deserved lead at the top of the Premier League ladder, but the Saints are still missing the influence of skipper Vince Savoca and vice captain Brendan Renaud, both carrying hamstring strains.

Striker Danny Watkins is out for the season and Tanju Balabanel is still troubled by a groin injury.

Few teams can live with Bonnyrigg at the moment and if there were any question marks over the team 'under new management' then they were certainly dispelled with this emphatic win.

"We made full use of the windy conditions and St George didn't, "was the astute observation of the unflappable Blagojevic.

Bonnyrigg captain Vuko Tomasevic celebrates one of his two goals against St George

St George striker John Buonavoglia feels the pressure from a challenge by Bonnyrigg's Michael Hawrysiuk

ST GEORGE SAINTS 0

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES 4
(V Tomasevic 47', 93', J Sobczyk 61', T Martin 63',)
@St George Stadium, Rockdale.

ST GEORGE:
Coach: Manny Spanoudakis
Formation: 3-5-2
Line-up: Andrew Crews – Daniel Clifford, Ivan Zelic, Nick Orlic (C) (Kosta Lagoudakis 61) - Simon Verrender, Raphael Bove, Mirko Jurilj, Ante Deur (James Kovas 63), Allan Wawi (George Lagoudakis 65) - John Buonavoglia, Commins Menapi
Subs not used: Phil Weston

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES:
Coach: Milan Blagojevic
Formation: 3-5-2

Line-up: Glen Moss – David Petrovic, Tafyun Devrimol, Jack Sobczyk - Michael Hawrysiuk, Darren McDonald, Ballamadou Conde, Milorad Simonovic, Vuko Tomasevic (C)- Tolgay Ozbey(David Reid 60),Tallan Martin (Wayne Heath 85)
Subs not used: Daniel Vukovic, Joe Bruni
Referee: Craig Pearce
Assistant Referees: Adam Susz and Murray Wilson
Fourth Official: Jason Blackwood
Yellow Cards: St George: Raphael Bove 36, Simon Verrender 84; Bonnyrigg White Eagles: Tafyun Devrimol 84, David Reid 90

CONTINENTAL TYRES CUP REVIEW

ROOSTERS SEEK MORE CUP GLORY

By Paul Goodwin

The Continental Tyres Cup is getting to the business stage with the quarter finals now upon us, but giant killers Roosters FC are seeking yet another big scalp.

One outstanding round four game between Sydney United and FC Bossy Liverpool is taking place tonight (Tuesday) at Marconi Stadium, but the other three quarter finals matches are going ahead tomorrow (Wednesday).

Roosters FC, meet A.P.I.A.-Leichhardt Tigers at Garside Park, with the Premier League side by no means guaranteed a place in the semi finals. They come up here against a side that has feared nobody, having beaten two Super League sides in a row on the way to this match.

The Roosters disposed of Gymea, in round one, in a game played on a bumpy and tiny pitch in the Sutherland Shire. They then accounted for Gazy Lansvale, before seeing off a challenge from the Hurstville City Minotaurs.

They dealt with the Stanmore Hawks in their latest outing.

With their self-belief growing by the round, there is no reason to suppose that the famous old Granville ground cannot bear witness to yet another piece of Cup history.

St George Saints have a fascinating tie with Wollongong Wolves at St George Stadium, with both teams probably focussed more on their Premier League status at the moment, so anything could happen.

In beating the Blacktown City Demons convincingly last time, the Wolves showed their enthusiasm for the competition.

The Saints did likewise, by fielding a full strength side against Premier League Challenger Group members Manly United, and won easily.

This one looks certain to be taken seriously, with the prize money and prestige on offer.

Sydney Olympic have a tough one against Canberra's Blue Devils at Sydney Olympic Park, a venue which provides many creature comforts and may see the visitors prevail.

The Blue Devils had little luck last time they met Olympic, going down 2-1 and this is their chance for revenge as both clubs play out their remaining Premier League matches in different groups.

Rockdale City Suns will meet the winners of the FC Bossy Liverpool-Sydney United clash on April 26.

St George midfielder Ante Deur has been among the goals recently and will be looking to add to his tally against Wollongong in this week's quarter final

STRIKERS ON THE PROWL

Wollongong's Shane McGirr (left) and St George's recent signing Commins Menapi (right) loom as key figures in tomorrow's Continental Tyres Cup quarter final

Continental
TYRES - ENGINEERED IN GERMANY

Fourth Round

Date	Home Team	F	A	Away Team	Venue	Time
20-04-05	FC Bossy Liverpool			Sydney United	Marconi Stadium	19:30

Quarter Finals

Date	Home Team	F	A	Away Team	Venue	Time
20-04-05	Roosters FC			A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers	Garside Park	19:30
20-04-05	St George Saints			Wollongong Wolves	St George Stadium	19:30
20-04-05	Sydney Olympic			Blue Devils	Sydney Olympic Park	19:30
26-04-05	FC Bossy Liverpool/Sydney United			Rockdale City Suns	TBA	TBA

NSW PREMIER STATE & YOUTH RESULTS & TABLES

WINTER SUPER LEAGUE RESCHEDULED FROM ROUND 4:

GRADE 20: Sydney University 1 Stanmore Hawks 0.

ROUND 7:

GRADE 20: Western Rage 0 Sydney University 2, Hajduk Wanderers United 1 Fraser Park Dragons 1, Stanmore Hawks 2 Hurstville City Minotaurs 1, Canterbury Marrickville 1 Dulwich Hill 4, FC Bossy Liverpool 2 Fairfield Bulls 0, Northern Tigers 1 Sutherland Sharks 1, Hurstville ZSC 2 Macarthur Rams 4.

WINTER SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 7 GRADE 20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
Sydney University	7	5	2	0	17	5	12	17
Macarthur Rams	7	5	1	1	19	11	8	16
Dulwich Hill	7	5	0	2	22	8	14	15
Hajduk Wanderers Utd	7	4	2	1	16	7	9	14
Fraser Park Dragons	7	3	3	1	15	8	7	12
Sutherland Sharks	7	3	3	1	14	12	2	12
FC Bossy Liverpool	7	3	2	2	12	15	-3	11
Western Rage	7	3	1	3	11	11	0	10
Stanmore Hawks	7	2	1	4	8	10	-2	7
Hurstville City Minotaurs	7	2	1	4	7	12	-5	7
Northern Tigers	7	1	3	3	8	14	-6	6
Fairfield Bulls	7	2	0	5	5	17	-12	6
Canterbury Marrickville	7	1	0	6	11	18	-7	3
Hurstville ZSC	7	0	1	6	8	25	-17	1

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE: ROUND 8

FIRST GRADE: Fairfield City Lions 8 (B Sevinc S Erel A Cetinay x 3 K Crum x 2 U Ogmen) Blacktown Spartans 3(D Ziliotto N Smith S Falanga), Gladesville Spirit FC 0 Hills Brumbies 0, Schofields Scorpions 2 (S Cevenini 10m A Murselovic 14m) Mt Druitt Town 1 (S Bowman 7m), Belmore Hercules 4 (B Kirkman 31m G Gambrellis 54m T Parker 57m P Paras 66m) Camden Tigers 0, Ryde City 2 (L Marshall 19m J McLeay 51m) Bathurst 75 1 (L Taylor 80m penalty), Inter Lions 3 (J Pettenon 50m penalty N Paradisis 79/82m) White City 0.

GRADE 20: Fairfield City Lions 6 Blacktown Spartans 2, Gladesville Spirit FC 1 Hills Brumbies 0, Schofields Scorpions 3 Mt Druitt Town 2, Belmore Hercules 7 Camden Tigers 0, Ryde City 4 Bathurst 75 3, Inter Lions 3 White City 0.

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE: ROUND 8 FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Schofields Scorpions	7	6	1	0	19	8	11	19
Mt Druitt Town	8	6	0	2	23	12	11	18
Fairfield City Lions	7	5	1	1	34	13	21	16
Inter Lions	7	5	1	1	14	7	7	16
Belmore Hercules	7	5	0	2	17	7	10	15
Mt Pritchard	7	3	1	3	12	8	4	10
Ryde City	8	3	0	5	17	18	-1	9
White City	8	3	0	5	9	20	-11	9
Hills Brumbies	7	2	2	3	7	9	-2	8
Gladesville Spirit	7	2	2	3	7	11	-4	8
Bathurst '75	8	2	0	6	9	24	-15	6
Camden Tigers	7	1	1	5	8	18	-10	4
Blacktown Spartans	8	0	1	7	11	32	-21	1

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE: ROUND 8 GRADE 20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Mt Pritchard	7	6	1	0	25	7	18	19
Schofields Scorpions	7	6	0	1	35	11	24	18
Fairfield City Lions	7	5	1	1	27	10	17	16
Gladesville Spirit	7	5	0	2	16	10	6	15
Inter Lions	7	4	1	2	20	14	6	13
Hills Brumbies	7	4	1	2	11	6	5	13
Camden Tigers	7	4	1	2	19	20	-1	13
Belmore Hercules	7	4	0	3	21	9	12	12
Ryde City	8	3	1	4	19	21	-2	10
Mt Druitt Town	8	2	1	5	19	27	-8	7
Blacktown Spartans	8	1	1	6	17	31	-14	4
White City	8	0	0	8	6	32	-26	0
Bathurst '75	8	0	0	8	7	44	-37	0

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO: ROUND 3:

FIRST GRADE: Springwood SC 4 (M Halse 3/35m J Lynch 23m M Haberman 57m) Greenisland SC 0, Balmain SC 2 (D Hardwick 5m L Merlino 77m) Kellyville Kolts 0, Auburn Stars 0 UNSW 0, Fogolar Wanderers 1 (R Navarro 79m) Sydney Cedars SC 0, Prospect United 2 (A Madour 67m A Larosse 80m) Hakoah 4 (S Fischer 8m R Neumann 35/57m Own goal 55m).

GRADE 21: Springwood SC 0 Greenisland SC 0, Balmain SC 2 Kellyville Kolts 0, Auburn Stars 2 UNSW 4, Fogolar Wanderers 1 Sydney Cedars SC 1, Prospect United 1 Hakoah 1.

GRADE 19: Springwood SC 0 Greenisland SC 3, Balmain SC 2 Kellyville Kolts 2, Auburn Stars 1 UNSW 8, Fogolar Wanderers 4 Sydney Cedars SC 8, Prospect United 0 Hakoah 0.

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO: ROUND 3 FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Springwood	3	2	1	0	9	3	6	7
Hakoah	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
Fogolar Wanderers	3	2	1	0	2	0	2	7
Balmain	3	2	0	1	7	5	2	6
UNSW	3	1	2	0	6	4	2	5
Auburn Star	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
Sydney Cedars	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
Kellyville Kolts	3	0	1	2	0	5	-5	1
Prospect United	3	0	0	3	3	9	-6	0
Greenisland	3	0	0	3	1	8	-7	0

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO: ROUND 3 GRADE 21

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
UNSW	3	2	1	0	11	5	6	7
Balmain	3	2	0	1	6	7	-1	6
Prospect United	3	1	2	0	9	4	5	5
Springwood	3	1	2	0	6	4	2	5
Fogolar Wanderers	3	1	2	0	6	5	1	5
Hakoah	3	1	1	1	5	4	1	4
Sydney Cedars	3	1	1	1	3	7	-4	4
Greenisland	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	2
Auburn Star	3	0	1	2	7	11	-4	1
Kellyville Kolts	3	0	0	3	4	9	-5	0

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO: ROUND 3 GRADE 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Greenisland	3	3	0	0	16	2	14	9
UNSW	3	3	0	0	14	3	11	9
Kellyville Kolts	3	1	2	0	7	4	3	5
Hakoah	3	1	2	0	4	2	2	5
Sydney Cedars	3	1	1	1	13	11	2	4
Auburn Star	2	1	0	1	3	9	-6	3
Prospect United	2	0	2	0	4	4	0	2
Balmain	3	0	1	2	4	8	-4	1
Springwood	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0
Fogolar Wanderers	3	0	0	3	6	23	-17	0

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE: ROUND 3:

FIRST GRADE: Colo Colo 3 Gladesville United 1, East Coast Magic 2 Gazy Lansvale 0, Trasandinos 4 Hawkesbury City 1, Roosters FC 2 Lithgow Workmen 0, Pratten Magpies 1 Luddenham United 5.

RESERVE GRADE: Colo Colo 1 Gladesville United 3, East Coast Magic 3 Gazy Lansvale 2, Trasandinos 3 Hawkesbury City 3, Roosters FC 5 Lithgow Workmen 2, Pratten Magpies 0 Luddenham United 1.

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE: ROUND 3 FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Colo Colo	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
Trasandinos	3	2	0	1	12	4	8	6
Hawkesbury City	3	2	0	1	10	7	3	6
Luddenham United	3	2	0	1	9	6	3	6
East Coast Magic	3	2	0	1	7	4	3	6
Roosters FC	3	1	1	1	7	7	0	4
Gladesville United	3	1	1	1	6	7	-1	4
Gazy Lansvale	3	0	1	2	0	8	-8	1
Lithgow Workmen	2	0	0	2	1	6	-5	0
Pratten Magpies	2	0	0	2	1	9	-8	0

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE: ROUND 3 RESERVE GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Roosters FC	3	3	0	0	12	5	7	9
Luddenham United	3	3	0	0	7	0	7	9
Trasandinos	3	2	1	0	18	6	12	7
East Coast Magic	3	2	1	0	7	5	2	7
Colo Colo	3	1	0	2	7	6	1	3
Gladesville United	3	1	0	2	5	7	-2	3
Pratten Magpies	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
Hawkesbury City	3	0	1	2	6	9	-3	1
Lithgow Workmen	2	0	0	2	2	9	-7	0
Gazy Lansvale	3	0	0	3	4	20	-16	0

Arrive alive

NSW GIRLS YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6:

UNDER 12: Gladesville Ravens 0 Macarthur Rams 0, Sutherland Association 0 NWS Koalas 0, Southern Branch 1 St George Saints 1, UNSW Soccer Club 0 Marconi Stallions 5, Bathurst City 0 Manly United FC 5, Northern Tigers 2 Penrith Nepean United 3, Blacktown Association 0 Sydney University 2.

UNDER 14: Gladesville Ravens 0 Macarthur Rams 4, Sutherland Association 1 NWS Koalas 1, Southern Branch 0 St George Saints 3, UNSW Soccer Club 0 Marconi Stallions 7, Bathurst City 0 Manly United FC 0, Northern Tigers 0 Penrith Nepean United 2, Blacktown Association 1 Sydney University 1.

UNDER 16: Gladesville Ravens 0 Macarthur Rams 5, Sutherland Association 0 NWS Koalas 2, Southern Branch 1 St George Saints 3, UNSW Soccer Club 0 Marconi Stallions 5, Bathurst City 0 Manly United FC 2, Northern Tigers 0 Penrith Nepean United 4, Blacktown Association 8 Sydney University 0.

Arrive alive

NSW GIRLS YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 UNDER 12

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	D	Pts
Penrith Nepean Utd	6	5	0	1	-	18	5	13	15
Sutherland Association	6	3	2	0	1	15	0	15	14
Southern Branch	6	3	2	0	1	16	3	13	14
Manly United FC	6	4	2	0	-	15	2	13	14
NW Sydney Koalas	6	3	1	1	1	12	5	7	13
Northern Tigers	6	3	2	1	-	15	7	8	11
St George Saints	6	2	2	1	1	10	4	6	11
Central Coast United	6	2	1	2	1	13	6	7	10
Sydney University	6	3	0	3	-	12	12	0	9
Gladesville Ravens	6	2	1	3	-	7	7	0	7
Bathurst City Panthers	6	1	2	3	-	6	19	-13	5
Marconi Stallions	6	1	1	4	-	9	17	-8	4
Macarthur Rams	6	0	1	4	1	3	13	-10	4
UNSW	6	1	0	5	-	3	30	-27	3
Blacktown Association	6	0	1	5	-	5	11	-6	1

B denotes a Bye scoring 3 points and 3 Goal.

Arrive alive

NSW GIRLS YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 UNDER 14

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	D	Pt
St George Saints	6	5	0	0	1	19	0	19	18
Macarthur Rams	6	4	1	0	1	18	5	13	16
Penrith Nepean United	6	5	0	1	-	21	2	19	15
Sutherland Association	6	3	2	0	1	15	5	10	14
Manly United FC	6	3	2	1	-	12	10	2	11
Bathurst City Panthers	6	3	1	2	-	13	7	6	10
NWSydney Koalas	6	2	1	2	1	15	11	4	10
Central Coast United	6	2	0	3	1	11	11	0	9
Marconi Stallions	6	2	1	3	-	15	13	2	7
Sydney University	6	2	1	3	-	6	11	-5	7
Northern Tigers	6	2	0	4	-	9	14	-5	6
Southern Branch	6	0	1	4	1	6	16	-10	4
Gladesville Ravens	6	1	1	4	-	7	18	-11	4
UNSW	6	1	1	4	-	4	23	-19	4
Blacktown Association	6	0	2	4	-	4	11	-7	2

B denotes a Bye scoring 3 points and 3 Goal.

Arrive alive

NSW GIRLS YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 UNDER 16

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	D	Pt
Penrith Nepean United	6	6	0	0	-	18	5	13	18
NW Sydney Koalas	6	4	1	0	1	20	4	16	16
St George Saints	6	3	1	1	1	20	7	13	13
Bathurst City Panthers	6	4	0	2	-	17	6	11	12
Central Coast United	6	2	2	1	1	21	4	17	11
Manly United FC	6	3	2	1	-	13	4	9	11
Macarthur Rams	6	2	1	2	1	11	6	5	10
Southern Branch	6	2	1	2	1	10	11	-1	10
Blacktown Association	6	2	2	2	-	13	10	3	8
Sutherland Association	6	1	1	3	1	8	6	2	7
Marconi Stallions	6	2	1	3	-	10	10	0	7
Gladesville Ravens	6	1	1	4	-	7	19	-12	4
Northern Tigers	6	1	1	4	-	4	16	-12	4
Sydney University	6	1	0	5	-	3	35	-32	3
UNSW	6	0	2	4	-	2	16	-14	2

B denotes a Bye scoring 3 points and 3 Goal.

PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 8:

GRADE 13: Sydney United 1 Wollongong Wolves 0, Parramatta Eagles 2 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 0, Gladesville Spirit FC 1 Bankstown City Cubs 1, Macarthur Rams 1 Blacktown City 7, Marconi Stallions 10 Manly United FC 1, Hajduk Wanderers 1 Sutherland Sharks 1, Sydney Olympic 3 St George Saints 5.

GRADE 14: Sydney United 3 Wollongong Wolves 1, Parramatta Eagles 0 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1, Gladesville Spirit FC 1 Bankstown City Cubs 2, Macarthur Rams 0 Blacktown City 2, Marconi Stallions 2 Manly United FC 0, Hajduk Wanderers 4 Sutherland Sharks 2, Sydney Olympic 0 St George Saints 2.

GRADE 15: Sydney United 2 Wollongong Wolves 1, Parramatta Eagles 1 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 0, Gladesville Spirit FC 0 Bankstown City Cubs 0, Macarthur Rams 1 Blacktown City 0, Marconi Stallions 4 Manly United FC 0, Hajduk Wanderers 1 Sutherland Sharks 6, Sydney Olympic 0 St George Saints 5.

GRADE 16: Sydney United 2 Wollongong Wolves 0, Parramatta Eagles 3 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 0, Gladesville Spirit FC 2 Bankstown City Cubs 0, Marconi Stallions 2 Manly United FC 0, Hajduk Wanderers 1 Sutherland Sharks 2, Sydney Olympic 1 St George Saints 2.

GRADE 18: Sydney United 2 Wollongong Wolves 1, Parramatta Eagles 0 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1, Gladesville Spirit FC 4 Bankstown City Cubs 0, Marconi Stallions 2 Manly United FC 3, Hajduk Wanderers 0 Sutherland Sharks 3, Sydney Olympic 3 St George Saints 0.

PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 8 GRADE 13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Parramatta Eagles	8	8	0	0	34	3	31	24
Blacktown City Demons	8	7	1	0	35	3	32	22
Marconi Stallions	8	7	1	0	31	2	29	22
Gladesville Spirit	8	6	1	1	20	6	14	19
Macarthur Rams	8	6	0	2	19	14	5	18
Sydney United	8	3	2	3	10	13	-3	11
Bankstown City Cubs	8	2	2	4	8	15	-7	8
Manly United FC	8	2	2	4	12	29	-17	8
A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers	8	2	1	5	9	18	-9	7
St George Saints	8	2	1	5	10	27	-17	7
Wollongong Wolves	8	2	0	6	5	16	-11	6
Sutherland Sharks	8	0	4	4	6	19	-13	4
Sydney Olympic	8	0	2	6	8	21	-13	2
Hajduk Wanderers United	8	0	1	7	6	27	-21	1

PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 8 GRADE 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Marconi Stallions	8	7	0	1	17	3	14	21
Blacktown City Demons	8	7	0	1	17	5	12	21
Sydney United	8	6	1	1	22	9	13	19
Parramatta Eagles	8	6	0	2	15	8	7	18
A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers	8	4	1	3	10	7	3	13
Manly United FC	8	4	0	4	16	14	2	12
Hajduk Wanderers United	8	3	2	3	8	7	1	11
Sutherland Sharks	8	3	1	4	11	12	-1	10
Bankstown City Cubs	8	3	1	4	5	9	-4	10
Gladesville Spirit	8	2	3	3	6	10	-4	9
St George Saints	8	2	1	5	9	14	-5	7
Macarthur Rams	8	2	1	5	5	12	-7	7
Wollongong Wolves	8	1	0	7	4	20	-16	3
Sydney Olympic	8	0	1	7	2	17	-15	1

PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 8 GRADE 15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Marconi Stallions	8	6	1	1	14	2	12	19
Sutherland Sharks	8	5	3	0	21	9	12	18
Wollongong Wolves	8	5	2	1	16	8	8	17
Bankstown City Cubs	8	5	1	2	12	9	3	16
Manly United FC	8	4	1	3	11	11	0	13
Parramatta Eagles	8	4	1	3	10	10	0	13
Sydney United	8	3	3	2	9	7	2	12
Gladesville Spirit	8	2	4	2	6	4	2	10
Blacktown City Demons	8	3	1	4	10	10	0	10
St George Saints	8	2	3	3	14	13	1	9
Hajduk Wanderers United	8	2	0	6	5	17	-12	6
Macarthur Rams	8	1	2	5	10	15	-5	5
Sydney Olympic	8	1	2	5	7	17	-10	5
A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers	8	0	2	6	5	18	-13	2

PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 8 GRADE 16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Blacktown City Demons	8	5	3	0	15	7	8	18
Bankstown City Cubs	8	6	0	2	11	3	8	18
Parramatta Eagles	8	5	1	2	14	7	7	16
Marconi Stallions	8	4	3	1	10	4	6	15
Sydney United	8	5	0	3	13	8	5	15
Gladesville Spirit	8	4	3	1	7	2	5	15
Macarthur Rams	8	4	1	3	10	12	-2	13
Sydney Olympic	8	3	1	4	11	9	2	10
Wollongong Wolves	8	2	2	4	8	11	-3	8
Sutherland Sharks	8	2	2	4	9	14	-5	8
St George Saints	8	2	0	6	7	18	-11	6
Hajduk Wanderers United	8	1	2	5	4	8	-4	5
A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers	8	0	5	3	4	13	-9	5
Manly United FC	8	1	1	6	6	13	-7	4

PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 8 GRADE 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Sutherland Sharks	8	8	0	0	30	9	21	24
Marconi Stallions	8	7	0	1	22	11	11	21
Sydney Olympic	8	5	1	2	16	11	5	16
Gladesville Spirit	7	4	1	2	17	7	10	13
Wollongong Wolves	8	4	1	3	13	10	3	13
Blacktown City Demons	8	3	2	3	10	10	0	11
Manly United FC	8	3	2	3	13	19	-6	11
Parramatta Eagles	8	3	0	5	11	9	2	9
Sydney United	8	2	3	3	16	15	1	9
Bankstown City Cubs	8	2	2	4	11	15	-4	8
St George Saints	8	2	2	4	10	24	-14	8
Macarthur Rams	8	0	4	4	10	15	-5	4
A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers	8	1	1	6	7	18	-11	4
Hajduk Wanderers United	7	1	1	5	7	20	-13	4

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6

GRADE 13: Central Coast United 0 Fraser Park 1, Northern Tigers 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1, Schofields Scorpions 3 Hills Brumbies 1, Granville Rage 0 Southern Branch 2, Penrith Nepean United 1 Dulwich Hill 0, Parramatta Star 1 Bathurst 75 Western 3.

GRADE 14: Central Coast United 1 Fraser Park 0, Northern Tigers 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1, Schofields Scorpions 5 Hills Brumbies 1, Granville Rage 8 Southern Branch 3, Penrith Nepean United 1 Dulwich Hill 1, Parramatta Star 8 Bathurst 75 Western 1.

GRADE 15: Central Coast United 4 Fraser Park 1, Northern Tigers 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0, Schofields Scorpions 4 Hills Brumbies 0, Granville Rage 0 Southern Branch 2, Penrith Nepean United 1 Dulwich Hill 1, Parramatta Star 1 Bathurst 75 Western 6.

GRADE 16: Central Coast United 1 Fraser Park 2, Northern Tigers 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 0, Schofields Scorpions 0 Hills Brumbies 1, Granville Rage 0 Southern Branch 1, Penrith Nepean United 2 Dulwich Hill 1, Parramatta Star 4 Bathurst 75 Western 2.

GRADE 18: Central Coast United 2 Fraser Park 4, Northern Tigers 2 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 4, Schofields Scorpions 2 Hills Brumbies 6, Granville Rage 4 Southern Branch 2, Penrith Nepean United 4 Dulwich Hill 1, Parramatta Star 4 Bathurst 75 Western 0.

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 GRADE 13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Schofields Scorpions	6	4	1	1	8	5	3	13
Fraser Park	6	3	2	1	11	7	4	11
Penrith Nepean United	6	3	2	1	7	3	4	11
Bathurst '75 Western	6	3	2	1	6	2	4	11
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	6	3	1	2	9	5	4	10
Southern Branch	6	3	1	2	6	5	1	10
Central Coast United	6	2	3	1	5	3	2	9
Granville Rage	6	2	2	2	14	14	0	8
Northern Tigers	6	2	1	3	4	8	-4	7
Parramatta Star	6	1	1	4	8	11	-3	4
Dulwich Hill	6	1	1	4	8	14	-6	4
Hills Brumbies	6	0	1	5	8	17	-9	1

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 GRADE 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Schofields Scorpions	6	4	1	1	15	5	10	13
Parramatta Star	6	4	1	1	18	9	9	13
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	6	4	0	2	8	4	4	12
Fraser Park	6	3	1	2	9	5	4	10
Central Coast United	6	3	1	2	11	10	1	10
Southern Branch	6	2	2	2	12	13	-1	8
Dulwich Hill	6	2	1	3	8	14	-6	7
Hills Brumbies	6	2	1	3	7	15	-8	7
Penrith Nepean United	6	1	3	2	8	10	-2	6
Bathurst '75 Western	6	1	2	3	11	16	-5	5
Northern Tigers	6	1	2	3	7	14	-7	5
Granville Rage	6	1	1	4	13	12	1	4

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 GRADE 15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Schofields Scorpions	6	6	0	0	17	5	12	18
Southern Branch	6	3	3	0	12	6	6	12
Granville Rage	6	4	0	2	10	7	3	12
Bathurst '75 Western	6	3	2	1	13	8	5	11
Penrith Nepean United	6	2	4	0	8	5	3	10
Northern Tigers	6	1	4	1	9	5	4	7
Central Coast United	6	2	1	3	10	8	2	7
Hills Brumbies	6	2	1	3	8	9	-1	7
Fraser Park	6	2	1	3	10	12	-2	7
Dulwich Hill	6	1	2	3	6	9	-3	5
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	6	0	2	4	4	12	-8	2
Parramatta Star	6	0	0	6	3	24	-21	0

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 GRADE 16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	6	5	1	0	14	6	8	16
Penrith Nepean United	6	5	0	1	17	6	11	15
Hills Brumbies	6	5	0	1	11	4	7	15
Northern Tigers	6	4	2	0	16	4	12	14
Schofields Scorpions	6	2	2	2	6	4	2	8
Parramatta Star	6	2	2	2	13	12	1	8
Dulwich Hill	6	2	1	3	8	10	-2	7
Southern Branch	6	2	0	4	4	11	-7	6
Fraser Park	6	1	1	4	7	14	-7	4
Central Coast United	6	1	1	4	6	13	-7	4
Granville Rage	6	1	0	5	7	13	-6	3
Bathurst '75 Western	6	1	0	5	8	20	-12	3

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 GRADE 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Penrith Nepean United	6	6	0	0	28	6	22	18
Fraser Park	6	6	0	0	20	5	15	18
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	6	4	1	1	15	10	5	13
Granville Rage	6	3	1	2	14	9	5	10
Hills Brumbies	6	3	1	2	13	13	0	10
Central Coast United	6	3	0	3	17	13	4	9
Parramatta Star	6	3	0	3	11	10	1	9
Schofields Scorpions	6	2	1	3	12	17	-5	7
Dulwich Hill	6	2	0	4	8	19	-11	6
Southern Branch	6	1	0	5	9	16	-7	3
Bathurst '75 Western	6	1	0	5	5	19	-14	3
Northern Tigers	6	0	0	6	7	22	-15	0

DEVELOPMENT YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6

GRADE 13: Belmore Hercules 2 Hurstville City Minotaurs 2, Blacktown Spartans 3 Ryde City 0, Rockdale City Suns 3 Sydney University 0, Camden Tigers 1 Mt Druitt Town 1.

GRADE 14: Belmore Hercules 1 Hurstville City Minotaurs 3, Blacktown Spartans 3 Ryde City 0, Rockdale City Suns 1 Sydney University 4, Camden Tigers 0 Mt Druitt Town 3.

GRADE 15: Belmore Hercules 1 Hurstville City Minotaurs 2, Blacktown Spartans 1 Ryde City 3, Rockdale City Suns 2 Sydney University 0, Camden Tigers 2 Mt Druitt Town 2.

GRADE 16: Belmore Hercules 0 Hurstville City Minotaurs 3, Blacktown Spartans 1 Ryde City 4, Rockdale City Suns 3 Sydney University 2, Camden Tigers 5 Mt Druitt Town 0.

DEVELOPMENT YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 GRADE 13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Blacktown Spartans	6	4	1	1	11	9	2	13
Belmore Hercules	6	3	3	0	17	7	10	12
Rockdale City Suns	6	2	4	0	6	2	4	10
Camden Tigers	6	2	2	2	16	10	6	8
Hurstville City Minotaurs	6	2	1	3	11	8	3	7
Mt Druitt Town	6	1	4	1	8	8	0	7
Ryde City	5	0	2	3	2	17	-15	2
Sydney University	5	0	1	4	7	17	-10	1

DEVELOPMENT YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 GRADE 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Sydney University	5	5	0	0	23	6	17	15
Mt Druitt Town	6	5	0	1	14	4	10	15
Ryde City	5	3	0	2	5	6	-1	9
Blacktown Spartans	6	2	2	2	8	10	-2	8
Camden Tigers	6	2	0	4	7	15	-8	6
Hurstville City Minotaurs	6	1	2	3	6	10	-4	5
Belmore Hercules	6	1	1	4	6	12	-6	4
Rockdale City Suns	6	1	1	4	5	11	-6	4

DEVELOPMENT YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 GRADE 15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Rockdale City Suns	6	5	1	0	15	3	12	16
Sydney University	5	3	1	1	9	4	5	10
Mt Druitt Town	6	3	1	2	9	7	2	10
Ryde City	5	3	0	2	13	8	5	9
Belmore Hercules	6	2	2	2	11	7	4	8
Blacktown Spartans	6	1	1	4	7	13	-6	4
Camden Tigers	6	1	1	4	7	15	-8	4
Hurstville City Minotaurs	6	1	1	4	9	23	-14	4

DEVELOPMENT YOUTH LEAGUE: ROUND 6 GRADE 16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Ryde City	5	5	0	0	21	1	20	15
Hurstville City Minotaurs	6	5	0	1	17	5	12	15
Camden Tigers	6	3	1	2	14	13	1	10
Mt Druitt Town	6	3	1	2	9	11	-2	10
Rockdale City Suns	6	3	0	3	9	11	-2	9
Belmore Hercules	6	1	1	4	5	15	-10	4
Sydney University	5	0	2	3	6	16	-10	2
Blacktown Spartans	6	0	1	5	4	13	-9	1

attack METROPOLITAN LEAGUE: ROUND 6

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

GRADE 11: Eastern Suburbs Association 3 Blacktown Association 3, Nepean Association 5 Central Coast Association 1, Granville Association 4 Ku-ring-gai Association 1, Manly Warringah Association 0 Gladesville Association 0.

GRADE 12: Eastern Suburbs Association 0 Blacktown Association 6, Nepean Association 1 Central Coast Association 0, Granville Association 3 Ku-ring-gai Association 1, Manly Warringah Association 5 Gladesville Association 1.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

GRADE 11: Illawarra Association 5 Bankstown Association 0, Canterbury Association 1 Sutherland Association 6, Southern Branch 2 Southern Districts 4, Macarthur Association 2 St George Association 1.

GRADE 12: Illawarra Association 5 Bankstown Association 0, Canterbury Association 0 Sutherland Association 1, Southern Branch 0 Southern Districts 2, Macarthur Association 0 St George Association 0.

attack GRADE 11 METRO LEAGUE: RD 6 NORTHERN CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Blacktown Association	6	5	1	0	18	9	9	16
Manly Warringah	6	3	2	1	13	7	6	11
Granville	6	3	1	2	14	6	8	10
Eastern Suburbs	6	2	3	1	15	10	5	9
Nepean Association	6	2	3	1	12	7	5	9
Gladesville Hornsby	6	1	3	2	8	8	0	6
Ku-Ring-Gai Association	6	1	1	4	7	13	-6	4
Central Coast Association	6	0	0	6	1	28	-27	0

attack GRADE 11 METRO LEAGUE: RD 6 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Macarthur	6	5	1	0	13	5	8	16
Sutherland Association	6	3	3	0	19	6	13	12
St George Assoc	6	4	0	2	15	8	7	12
Illawarra	6	2	2	2	12	10	2	8
Southern Districts	6	2	1	3	7	8	-1	7
Canterbury	5	2	0	3	9	15	-6	6
Bankstown Assoc	6	1	0	5	3	18	-15	3
Southern Branch	5	0	1	4	6	14	-8	1

attack GRADE 12 METRO LEAGUE: RD 6 NORTHERN CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Blacktown Association	6	6	0	0	34	3	31	18
Granville	6	5	0	1	21	7	14	15
Manly Warringah	6	4	0	2	17	11	6	12
Nepean Association	6	3	1	2	11	24	-13	10
Central Coast Association	6	3	0	3	9	10	-1	9
Ku-Ring-Gai Association	6	1	1	4	6	15	-9	4
Gladesville Hornsby	6	1	0	5	7	18	-11	3
Eastern Suburbs	6	0	0	6	3	20	-17	0

attack GRADE 12 METRO LEAGUE: RD 6 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Illawarra	6	6	0	0	17	3	14	18
Southern Districts	6	4	1	1	12	4	8	13
Sutherland Association	6	3	1	2	6	7	-1	10
Macarthur	6	2	2	2	5	3	2	8
St George Assoc	6	1	3	2	4	6	-2	6
Southern Branch	5	1	1	3	2	6	-4	4
Canterbury	5	1	0	4	3	7	-4	3
Bankstown Assoc	6	1	0	5	4	17	-13	3

SOCCER NSW

WINTER SUPER LEAGUE

BOSSY GO TOP

By Paul Goodwin

FC Bossy Liverpool took over at the top of the Super League and were the only unbeaten team after round seven, as previous leader Fraser Park had its record punctured by Hadjuk Wanderers United in the game of the week.

A 51st minute goal from Alex Asanovic secured Bossy a 1-0 win over the plucky and still pointless Fairfield Bulls, at Ernie Smith Reserve last Sunday.

FC Bossy boasts the best defence in the league with six clean sheets from seven outings

A single goal also decided the outcome the previous night at Hajduk Stadium, where Elsid Barkhousir's strike earned the home team maximum points and put them top of the table for one day.

Fraser Park dropped to third, while Dulwich Hill climbed one spot to fourth with a 3-2 away win over Canterbury-Marrickville at Lambert Park.

Sydney University jumped to fifth on the back of two 1-0 victories, each secured by a Luke McDougall goal.

In a midweek catch-up game, a 20th minute strike from McDougall was enough to beat Stanmore at Hensley Field. Backing up on the weekend, University took maximum points away to Western Rage at Garside Park, where McDougall found the net in the 72nd minute.

Stanmore's miserable week was completed by a 0-2 home loss to Hurstville City Minotaurs at Pratten Park, where Dominc Manca scored twice.

Sutherland slipped two places to sixth with a 2-1 away loss to Northern Tigers, as Michael McCrory bagged a double for the home team at Parklands Oval.

Macarthur Rams pulled off the comeback of the round. Daniel Nash and new boy Shane Hammond each scored twice, as the Rams rallied from a 3-1 deficit to score a 4-3 away win over Hurstville ZSC at Hurstville Oval.

Although the game at Hajduk Stadium was a pretty even affair, the home team looked the more dangerous.

In the 15th minute, lanky striker Tim Gledhill could only hit the upright from close range.

The lone goal came three minutes later, when Gledhill did well to win the ball on the left wing and combined with Barkhousir, who took the ball close to the six yard box and slotted it past a helpless Daniel Farias.

The best chance for Fraser Park came in the 33rd minute, when Iorfino missed a clearance for the Wanderers, but Liam Austin slammed the ball way over the bar from close range.

Just before half time Michael McGovern came close to giving Hajduk a two goal cushion, but was denied by a brilliant save from Farias.

Fraser Park's George Maglis (right) tussles for the ball against Hadjuk Wanderers opponent

In the 63rd minute, Archie Markopoulos came close to equalising for the Dragons. He cracked the ball from 25 yards out, but his effort was well saved by the alert Daniel Schwarzer.

Just before full time, Hajduk substitute Marcello Guerrero showed his skills in winning the ball, 40 yards out and dribbled the ball past several Fraser players before going around Farias. His shot rolled towards goal, but the ball was cleared off the line.

In the derby game at Lambert Park, an unfortunate first minute mishap, involving Berries' keeper Murray Nelson and Dulwich Hill midfielder Clint Mayberry, led to the custodian needing treatment. He lost some mobility, which could have contributed to his conceding the first goal after only four minutes.

Mayberry ran into Nelson in chasing an early ball and Nelson fell to the ground clutching his leg. He hobbled around for a while and when Pat Darvill tried a speculative lob from 30 yards, Nelson was unable to prevent the ball sailing into the top right corner of the net.

A brilliant free kick from Paul Bourke, also from 30 yards, brought Canterbury level in the 39th minute, only for some slack defence to allow Ivo de Jesus in for a second goal in the shadows of half time.

Dulwich extended their lead in the 76th minute, when Ian King's simple cross was headed into his own net by Fred Umlil with keeper Nelson going in the other direction.

Four minutes later, Umlil converted a penalty after a shot from Kelvin Foster had been inadvertently handled in the area by Canterbury skipper Matthew Percy.

While it brought the scores closer there was little indication that the Berries might go on with the job. It was Dulwich, who finished the stronger with John Fichera causing no end of late problems for the home defence. The score may have been close at the finish, but in truth, the visitors had the game well in their control for all but the closing stages.

The Rams sit one point outside the top five after a very exciting game at Hurstville Oval.

Against the run of play in the 24th minute, a shot which appeared to be going wide across the goal, fell to Hurstville's ace marksman Eddie Adam, who slotted it past Rams' keeper Frank Mikuletic.

It didn't take long for Macarthur to regain parity. In the 33rd minute, Hammond's great solo run made it one-all.

Hammond was the general in midfield, dominating and creating most of the Macarthur attacks in only his second game for the club after moving across from Sydney Crescent Star. Just before the break, a cross into the box was fumbled, by Mikuletic and knocked in by the alert Adam to give the home side a 2-1 half-time lead.

Not only were the Rams down again, but keeper Mikuletic had to be replaced, as he sustained an injury to both his head and his hand after the goalmouth incident.

The second half started with the Rams having all the play, hitting the crossbar and the post within the first 10 minutes, but being unable to convert.

However, it was Hurstville who scored next, when in the 57th minute, the Rams were unable to clear a free kick, leaving an unmarked Michael Paleka to beat substitute keeper, Ben Duggan.

The game seemed to be beyond the reach of Macarthur, as Hurstville missed several opportunities when the Rams were pushing forward.

The turning point could have been in the 30th minute, when club captain Wes Horne was introduced into the game.

Jeff Souza pushed forward, giving Macarthur more control in the midfield.

Macarthur grew in stature and in the 80th minute Hammond gave the Rams supporters some hope, as he received a great pass from Nash to score from right in front. Nash finished nicely just three minutes later, to provide a cracking finale.

In the 87th minute, Hammond made a darting run into the box, only to be brought down. This allowed Nash to score from the spot with what turned out to be the winner.

At Parklands Oval, The Tigers welcomed back coach Fred Mesiti from his 'grandstand' role as Director of Coaching, to take over on the bench.

Finding themselves a goal down at half time to a David Lagudi strike in the 20th minute, the Tigers showed that they were by no means toothless. They came back to win 2-1, thanks to two fine goals from McCrory, back in the side after suspension.

"We went to sleep for 20 minutes in the second half and we were punished," lamented Sharks' coach Stewart Porter.

It was only the second win of the season for the Tigers.

A lengthy half time discussion by Sydney University coach Jimmy Campbell and his assistant Matt Craw before returning to the dressing room, led to a strategy that brought a dominant Western Rage undone at Garside Park.

Once again Rage were right out of luck throughout, despite having a great attacking force. Peter Curjak and later, substitute Nenos Bobo, gave the Uni defence a very hard night's work, and Luis Berbis and Phil Pyliotis were both highly creative in midfield.

What changed the game at half time for 'the students' was the introduction of defender Ben Wiblen and the freeing up of Pat Gavaghan, to operate on the left, with Daisuke Nakayama switching to the right. James Meyer in the Uni goal pulled off a number of sensational saves, including one in the 17th minute to deny Curjak. A great save from Rage keeper Daniel Conway from a rampaging Gavaghan in the 55th minute, sent a message to the Rage bench that may not have been heeded.

The former NSL Youth League player was causing all kinds of problems for Rage down the left and it was his work in the 78th minute that allowed McDougall to complete a simple finish from close range.

After that relatively brief period of Uni influence Rage came back into the game again and it needed some superb defence and further brilliance from Meyer to preserve the 'students' lead. Bobo was denied several times, by saves from Meyer, who was under siege for almost the entire game and his coach admitted after the game how important his contribution had been.

Stanmore Hawks' Omar Obeid miss a good chance against Hurstville City Minotaurs

"We probably didn't deserve to win, but we worked hard for it and our keeper earned it for us today," said Campbell.

Rage will at least take comfort from the style of their performance, which suggests they may be about to turn the corner soon.

Without skipper Sal Zullo, midfielder, Mauricio Islas and striker, George Wakim they were still very competitive. At Pratten Park, Minotaurs youth team product Manca came up with two fine goals to give Hurstville their second straight road win. The star was veteran George Kalogeras, according to coach, Peter Sarikakis.

Stanmore's cause was not aided when they had a player sent off for a 'last-man' professional foul, or when Omar Obeid lifted his early chance over the bar from close range.

Then came a 'world-class' goal from Manca, a long range shot in the 34th minute, which was followed by a low shot from the edge of the box moments before the break, by the same player. Nothing went right for the Hawks, for whom David James hit the bar as well.

WINTER SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 7
FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
FC Bossy Liverpool	7	5	2	0	10	2	8	17
Hajduk Wanderers Utd	7	5	1	1	15	8	7	16
Fraser Park Dragons	7	4	2	1	13	5	8	14
Dulwich Hill	7	4	1	2	12	8	4	13
Sydney University	7	4	1	2	6	5	1	13
Sutherland Sharks	7	4	0	3	11	8	3	12
Macarthur Rams	7	4	0	3	11	13	-2	12
Canterbury Marrickville	7	3	1	3	9	10	-1	10
Northern Tigers	7	2	3	2	9	6	3	9
Hurstville City Min.	7	2	2	3	9	9	0	8
Hurstville ZSC	7	2	1	4	11	11	0	7
Stanmore Hawks	7	1	1	5	2	8	-6	4
Western Rage	7	1	1	5	3	14	-11	4
Fairfield Bulls	7	0	0	7	1	15	-14	0

WINTER SUPER LEAGUE: RESCHEDULED FROM ROUND 4

FIRST GRADE: Sydney University 1 (L McDougall 20m) Stanmore Hawks 0.

WINTER SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 7:

FIRST GRADE: Western Rage 0 Sydney University 1 (L McDougall 78m), Hajduk Wanderers United 1 (E Barkhousir 18m) Fraser Park Dragons 0, Stanmore Hawks 0 Hurstville City Minotaurs 2 (D Manca 34/45m), Canterbury Marrickville 2 (P Bourke 39m F Umlil 80m pen) Dulwich Hill 3 (P Darvill 4m I De Jesus 40m F Umlil Own Goal 76m), FC Bossy Liverpool 1 (A Asanovic 51m) Fairfield Bulls 0, Northern Tigers 2 (M McCrory 50/64m) Sutherland Sharks 1 (D Lagudi 20m), Hurstville ZSC 3 (E Adam 24/43m M Paleka 57m) Macarthur Rams 4 (S Hammond 33/80m D Nash 83/87m).

LEADING GOALSCORERS

6 **Manny Papageorgiou (FP), Tim Gledhill (HW), Ivo de Jesus (DH), Alex Asanovic (FCBL)**
5 **Eddie Adam (ZSC)**
4 **Liam Austin (FP), Luke McDougall (SU)**

Stallions stay top

The Marconi Stallions remain undefeated and on top of the Arrive alive NSW Womens Super League table, but had to work uncharcteristically hard for their round six 2-0 win over UNSW.

The Stallions travelled eastward to face UNSW at David Phillips Field and something strange happened for the first time this season, they were held scoreless for a full half of football.

UNSW, mindful of Marconi's 13-0 victory the previous week, played a very defensive game in the first half, absorbing much of the pressure that Marconi applied. Some good goalkeeping by UNSWs Melissa Rowley and good luck (from the post) kept the visitors without a goal going in to the break.

The second half saw Marconi continue to apply the pressure and they were on the scoresheet in the 62nd minute, when Anne Starr was able to get a foot onto a Fab Perfilio corner.

Alicia Cavanagh posted Marconi's second in the 77th minute when she got in behind the UNSW defence and finished from well inside the box. Marconi could have extended their lead even further, but their shots rattled the posts on many an occasion.

Second placed Macarthur Rams, who trail Marconi on goal difference, easily accounted for the Gladesville Ravens 7-0 at Peel Park.

Jessica Cooper scored a hat-trick for the Rams.

Sydney University continued on their run of victories with a 4-0 win over Blacktown Association which keeps the Students in third place on the ladder. Astrid Larssen scored twice for the University with Paula Kelly and Mel Ebbs each netting once.

Fourth placed Penrith Nepean United overcame an early scare in their 4-1 victory over Northern Tigers at Berowra Oval. The Northern Tigers found themselves with an early lead after Kylie Johnson was able to steal upon a Penrith Nepean mistake and score in the 5th minute.

Penrith Nepean found an equaliser in the 23rd minute through Kimberley Pope. Taryn Rockall got the lead for the visitors from the penalty spot and then extended the lead after half-time when she able to slot home from 12-yards through a crowded box.

Samanatha Muscat completed the scoring in the 81st minute with a simple pass into the goal from a goal-line cut-back.

Manly United bounced back from their defeat the previous week with a well-earned 4-0 away win over the Bathurst City Panthers at Proctor Park. Martene Edwards scored two whilst Catherine Murphy and Sarah Gregorius added a goal each.

Sutherland Association and the North West Sydney Koalas shared the points in an enthralling battle at the Harrie Denning Centre. In what was a veritable game of two halves, Sutherland came out stronger in the first half and appeared to control the game with much possession and many goal-scoring chances. The home team was rewarded for their efforts with two late goals in the half.

The first coming from former Matildas Captain Anissa Tann, who finished off a goal mouth scramble following a free kick from the left side near the corner flag.

Rebecca Kilpatrick added Sutherland's second with a first time shot from outside the box, skilfully looping the ball over Erin Hunter in the Koalas goal.

After a few stern words from coach Leigh Wardell, the second half saw a reversal of fortune for the Koalas. A few tactical changes swung the balance of play back to the visitors. This second wind allowed Danielle Calvi to narrow the deficit on the hour when she tapped in a fumble following a stinging shot from Rebecca Wilde.

The equaliser came 14 minutes later, when Calvi intercepted a Sutherland pass and was able to convert her one-on-one opportunity with a neat shot to the right side of the goal.

The Koalas pushed hard for a winner with many opportunities not quite falling, but under some late pressure, Sutherland held on to take a share of the points.

Taryn Ruiz netted a hat-trick in Southern Branch's 3-0 victory over the St George Saints at South Nowra. Ruiz scored her first midway through the half after some good work in the midfield resulted in Katie French laying a ball off to Ruiz at the edge of the box, which she slotted between the St George keepers legs.

The second came 12 minutes later, when Ruiz picked up a ball from outside box, dribbled in, and slotted into the left corner of the goal. The hat-trick was completed in the second half when a Karina Field shot was parried by the St George keeper, for Ruiz to head in from close range, to secure Southern Branch's first win of the season.

Central Coast United had the bye.

Triplets boost Liverpool Olympic

The Liverpool Olympic under 6s with the Stojcevski triplets Brandon (with ball), Jayden, (to left) and Dylan (to right)

***Arrive alive* WOMENS SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 6: FIRST GRADE**

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	D	Pt
Marconi Stallions	6	6	0	0	-	37	1	36	18
Macarthur Rams	6	5	0	0	1	19	1	18	18
Sydney University	6	5	0	1	-	17	5	12	15
Penrith Nepean United	6	5	0	1	-	17	7	10	15
Manly United FC	6	4	1	1	-	18	7	11	13
NWSydney Koalas	6	2	1	2	1	10	11	-1	10
Bathurst City Panthers	6	3	0	3	-	22	13	9	9
UNSW	6	3	0	3	-	16	8	8	9
St George Saints	6	2	0	3	1	18	11	7	9
Central Coast United	6	2	0	3	1	8	10	-2	9
Southern Branch	6	1	0	4	1	7	11	-4	6
Sutherland Association	6	0	2	3	1	9	14	-5	5
Blacktown Association	6	1	0	5	-	9	28	-19	3
Gladesville Ravens	6	1	0	5	-	12	36	-24	3
Northern Tigers	6	0	0	6	-	2	40	-38	0

B denotes a Bye scoring 3 points and 3 Goal.

***Arrive alive* WOMENS SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 6 GRADE 21**

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	D	Pt
Marconi Stallions	6	6	0	0	-	30	2	28	18
Penrith Nepean United	6	5	0	1	-	30	8	22	15
Sutherland Association	6	4	0	1	1	10	9	1	15
Manly United FC	6	4	1	1	-	17	4	13	13
Macarthur Rams	6	3	1	1	1	12	2	10	13
Bathurst City Panthers	6	3	1	2	-	11	7	4	10
St George Saints	6	2	1	2	1	14	11	3	10
Southern Branch	6	1	2	2	1	10	7	3	8
Sydney University	6	2	2	2	-	7	6	1	8
Blacktown Association	6	2	1	3	-	6	13	-7	7
Central Coast United	6	1	0	4	1	8	19	-11	6
UNSW	6	1	2	3	-	7	18	-11	5
Northern Tigers	6	1	1	4	-	5	13	-8	4
NW Sydney Koalas	6	0	0	5	1	7	11	-4	3
Gladesville Ravens	6	1	0	5	-	5	31	-26	3

B denotes a Bye scoring 3 points and 3 Goal.

Arrive alive NSW WOMENS SUPER LEAGUE

***Arrive alive* WOMENS SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 6:**

FIRST GRADE: Gladesville Ravens 0 Macarthur Rams 7 (J Cooper 10/22/44m H Kerrigan 12m A Cergovski 32m A Connor 35m S Gibson 89m), Sutherland Association 2 (A Tann 40m R Kilpatrick 43m) NWS Koalas 2 (D Calvi 60/74m), Southern Branch 3 (T Ruiz 23/35/80m) St George Saints 0, UNSW Soccer Club 0 Marconi Stallions 2 (A Starr 62m A Cavanagh 77m), Bathurst City 0 Manly United FC 4 (M Edwards x 2 C Murphy x 1 S Gregorius x 1), Northern Tigers 1 (K Johnson 5m) Penrith Nepean United 4 (K Pope 23m T Rockall 35m penalty/67m S Muscat 81m), Blacktown Association 0 Sydney University 4.

GRADE 21: Gladesville Ravens 0 Macarthur Rams 5, Sutherland Association 1 NWS Koalas 0, Southern Branch 2 St George Saints 3, UNSW Soccer Club 0 Marconi Stallions 4, Bathurst City 1 Manly United FC 2, Northern Tigers 0 Penrith Nepean United 5, Blacktown Association 1 Sydney University 0.

BATTLE OF THE FOOTY CODES

By Daniela Raco

Football in the professional era is big business. Success is expected. These boys know how to play the game. But, what sets them apart from the rest?
This week in ABSW our boys in the A-League go head-to-head with their football counterparts.

RAPHAEL CLARKE

LEAGUE: AFL
CLUB: St Kilda Football Club
POSITION: Wing/Half-back

Raphael Clarke

1. What is "football"?
A game where you use your feet to kick a ball.

2. Are you championship contenders this season?
Yes, No 1.

3. How important is a brand name in marketing a product?
It's the most important thing. It brings in the dollars for us.

4. Preferred boot?
Puma.

5. Soles?
Moulds.

6. Score in the beep test?
14.

7. What is the off-side rule?
When someone is not where they're meant to be.

8. How do you maintain a high level of intensity week-after-week?
Good recovery and looking after the body the best you can.

9. How important is it to win to keep your supporters?
Very important. No-one wants to watch someone lose.

10. What's the difference between a fanatical AFL supporter and a passionate soccer supporter?
No difference.

11. Can Australian soccer find its rightful niche in Australian sport and co-exist with Australian Rules football?
Definitely. It gives kids hope to play at a top level. Both can be equally as competitive as each other.

12. What is it that makes people either love or hate clubs like Manchester United and Collingwood?
You hear about them everywhere you go. You always see Manchester United highlights and Eddie Everywhere (McGuire).

13. What exercise/drill do you hate?
Swimming.

14. Coaches favourite saying?
"100% effort, 100%team, 100% of the time".

15. Most embarrassing moment on the field?
I kicked into the man on the mark.

16. Worst injury?
Tendonitis in the knee.

17. Sporting dream (non football)?
NBA

18. Funniest thing you've seen on the football field?
A dog running out onto the field.

19. What music fires you up?
Metallica.

20. What is the biggest misconception about sportsmen?
They make too much money.

XAVIER CLARK

LEAGUE: AFL
CLUB: St. Kilda FC
POSITION: Back Flank

Xavier Clark

1. What is "football?
Football is life.

2. Are you championship contenders this season?
Definitely. I think we are favourite.

3. How important is a brand name in marketing a product?
It's highly important to a club. Our gear alone brings in $600,000 a year. It keeps us paid.

4. Preferred boot?
Adidas.

5. Soles?
Blades.

6. Score in the beep test?
12.

7. What is the off-side rule?
A team-mate in your team kicks the ball forward and you're in front of the last defender.

8. How do you maintain a high level of intensity week-after-week?
You need to set yourself up mentally for every game.

9. How important is it to win to keep your supporters?
Very important. In 2002 we had 18,000 members. After winning 19 games last season (10 in a row-and the Wizard Cup) we have increased our supporter base and this year have we signed over 35,000 supporters to date.

10. What's the difference between a fanatical AFL supporter and a passionate soccer supporter?
We don't set fires to our stands!

11. Can Australian soccer find its rightful niche in Australian sport and co-exist with Australian Rules football?
Soccer is going to be as big as AFL. It will be a good battle, and there is already a good participation at the junior levels.

12. What is it that makes people either love or hate clubs like Manchester United and Collingwood?
Marketable players and team success.

13. What exercise/drill do you hate?
Swimming.

14. Coaches favourite saying?
"Don't piss down my back and tell me it's raining!"

15. Most embarrassing moment on the field?
Watching my brother Raphael kicking into the man on the mark in his first game.

16. Worst injury?
Quads this year.

17. Sporting dream (non football)?
F1 driver.

18. Funniest thing you've seen on the football field?
A pig running onto the field with the No. 4 written on it.

19. What music fires you up?
Cat Stevens – "Peace Train".

20. What is the biggest misconception about sportsmen?
That they get what they want, when they want.

DAVID ZDRILIC

SYDNEY FC

LEAGUE: A-League
CLUB: Sydney FC
POSITION: Striker

David Zdrilic

1. What is "football"?
Soccer.

2. Are you championship contenders this season?
Yes.

3. How important is a brand name in marketing a product?
It's something that catches the attention of the public. A powerful marketing tool.

4. Preferred boot?
Nike.

5. Soles?
Blades.

6. Score in the beep test?
13 before first training session.

7. In AFL terms, what is a "behind"?
When you don't kick 6 points and the ball goes through for 1 point.

8. How do you maintain a high level of intensity week-after-week?
You have to be highly motivated, dedicated, and professional.

9. How important is it to win to keep your supporters?
People only want to watch winners. Winning keeps up the interest in the game and yourself as a player.

10. What's the difference between a fanatical AFL supporter and a passionate soccer supporter?
Exactly the same.

11. Can Australian soccer find its rightful niche in Australian sport and co-exist with Australian Rules football?
Sure. We have one team in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and others evenly spread throughout the country. We can build on our fan base without spilling into the AFL supporters.

12. What is it that makes people either love or hate clubs like Manchester United and Collingwood?
A passion for the game they love. It's a love or hate. Supporters will follow the team they love across the country and hate rival teams that keep winning.

13. What exercise/drill do you hate?
Running.

14. Coaches favourite saying?
"Win everything".

15. Most embarrassing moment on the field?
When I was younger I had to run off the field because I had the runs!

16. Worst injury?
Strained knee ligaments.

17. Sporting dream (non football)?
Professional tennis player.

18. Funniest thing you've seen on the football field?
On TV, someone kicked a soccer ball and hit a bird. The bird got stretched from the field!

19. What music fires you up?
Guns N' Roses.

20. What is the biggest misconception about sportsmen?
Dani's answer! (All brawn and no brain! ..Oops!)

CHAD GIBSON

QUEENSLAND ROAR FC

LEAGUE: A-League
CLUB: Queensland Roar
POSITION: Sweeper

Chad Gibson

1. What is "football"?
The beautiful game.

2. Are you championship contenders this season?
Definitely. You go into the season thinking you're contenders and the No. 1 team in the country.

3. How important is a brand name in marketing a product?
Extremely important. Gives people something to gravitate towards and hold onto; a concept people can associate themselves with.

4. Preferred boot? Asics.

5. Soles? Moulds.

6. Score in the beep test?
Between 13-14.

7. In AFL terms, what is a "behind"?
A goal kicked between the two outside posts for 1 point.

8. How do you maintain a high level of intensity week-after-week?
The will and drive to succeed to stay on top.

9. How important is it to win to keep your supporters?
Like anything people want to follow success and want to be associated with success.

10. What's the difference between a fanatical AFL supporter and a passionate soccer supporter?
Nothing. For both it's a way of life. The club means everything to them.

11. Can Australian soccer find its rightful niche in Australian sport and co-exist with Australian Rules football?
Both codes can co-exist. We have the utmost respect for each others sport. It's the right time for football. There is a niche there for us, and everyone involved is going to do everything possible to put our football code on the map where it's supposed to be.

12. What is it that makes people either love or hate clubs like Manchester United and Collingwood?
It comes down to success. Some teams you just love to hate. Their fans love them to death. These teams have a winning attitude and win at all costs mentality.

13. What exercise/drill do you hate?
Beep test with a passion.

14. Coaches favourite saying?
I haven't been here long enough… let you know!

15. Most embarrassing moment on the field?
A bad goal celebration back in the day.

16. Worst injury?
Knock on wood, nothing to date.

17. Sporting dream (non football)?
To play in the NBA for the New York Knicks at Madison Square Garden.

18. Funniest thing you've seen on the football field?
An ex-coach kicking a bin and getting his foot stuck!

19. What music fires you up?
Hip Hop.

20. What is the biggest misconception about sportsmen?
We have no other interests other than sport.

21. Favourite AFL player?
Stephen Silvagni!

KNIGHTS ADD SIX MORE TO PLAYING STAFF

The NZ Knights Football Club made a significant step towards a successful participation in the inaugural Hyundai A-League with the unveiling today of a further 6 players confirming professional terms with the Auckland based franchise.

Included in those announced today is former English professional Neil Emblen with Football Manager John Adshead thrilled to get a man with Premiership football on his CV.

"Good things come to those who wait," said Adshead. "Our approach has been and will continue to be a patient one, an approach that has been vindicated with today's announcements. Neil will bring experience, maturity and a cool head to our organisation with an ability to play in a number of different roles. It goes without saying that we are thrilled to have attracted the interest of a player with considerable playing experience in the English Leagues."

The Knights confirmed the following players:

Sean Devine
A 32-year-old English forward with considerable experience in English leagues with Wycombe Wanderers and Exeter City.

Steve Fitzsimmons
28-year-old Australian midfielder with a CV that includes Parramatta Power, Marconi, Brisbane Strikers in Australia. An imposing 6 foot 1 in height.

Naoki Imaya
24-year-old Japanese born midfielder with recent experience in European competition with Neuchatel Xamax (Switzerland). Moved to Australia with his family at age 10.

Has played most of his football in Australia with the Blacktown City Demons.

Glen Moss
22-year-old keeper with representation at NZ U20, U23 and All Whites level. Has experience in the Australian National League with Sydney Olympic.

Josh Maguire
24-year-old Australian midfielder with one taste of Europe already under his belt (Steaua Bucharest) and keen for more.

Neil Emblen
33-year-old utility player with considerable experience in English professional football, including a spell in the Premiership with Crystal Palace.

The signings take to 12 the total number of players committed to the Knights cause in the inaugural Hyundai A-League, joining Danny Hay, Noah Hickey, Danny Milosevic, John Tambouras, Frank Van Eijs and Darren Bazeley.

Club Captain Danny Hay is enthusiastic about the team taking shape around him.

"The quality of these players is top class, said Hay. "I have played alongside Neil at Walsall and know Sean personally as a footballer and a person. Both will add great experience to the squad and can play. They will be great additions to the squad and the fans can be sure of a committed competitive Knights side as we take on the Hyundai A-League."

Adshead also is more than pleased with the way his squad is taking shape.

"Each and every one of the ten players signed thus far has been considered very carefully and watched first hand," said Adshead.

"We have not and will not sign players sight unseen. While that approach may take a little longer it is already paying dividends in the quality of player the Knights are attracting.

Tommy Mason has seen many others while in the UK and on his return we will be discussing the balance of the squad and recommending further players for contracts. There are others in New Zealand and Australia under consideration but we will continue to take our time and make sure we cover for all contingencies in the 20 players we can contract."

Assistant Coach Tommy Mason returns from scouting in the UK on April 22nd, it is expected further player announcements will be made at that time.

Naoki Imaya: Japanese born midfielder has signed with the New Zealand Knights

JOEYS QUALIFY FOR WORLD CUP

The Qantas Joeys (Australia U-17s) have qualified for the 2005 FIFA U-17 World Championship with a narrow 1-0 win over Vanuatu in the final of the Oceania qualifying tournament.

Queensland Academy of Sport striker David Williams, also a member of the Qantas Young Socceroos, scored the all-important goal just 8 minutes from full time. Williams, who also finished as the tournament's top scorer with nine goals, headed home after a superb cross from Matt Mullen.

The Qantas Joeys, who won the opening match of the tournament against the same opponent 4-0, dominated lengthy periods of the game with the opposition goalkeeper pulling off a number of high quality saves. Australia had a goal disallowed as well as hitting the frame of the goal in an action-packed second half in a match played before a crowd of around 7,000.

"I was really pleased with the way the boys played tonight," said Coach Ange Postecoglou. "We did everything except score but despite that, and to the player's credit, they stayed focused and remained calm and we eventually got the goal."

"These tournaments are not easy on young players in that everyone expects Australia to win and to qualify so the pressure is firmly on us. But the squad showed great maturity throughout the tournament and we ended up not conceding a single goal, scoring 38, and winning five from five so I can't ask for any more than that."

David Williams: Gun Joeys striker finished Australia and the competition's top scorer with nine goals

Australia will participate in the 2005 FIFA U-17 World Championship to be held in Peru from 16 September until 2 October.

The Solomon Islands finished third in the tournament with a 3-1 win over host nation New Caledonia in the match for third place played earlier in the evening.

Adelaide's star signings

A-League outfit Adelaide United unveiled two major signings last Friday, including the club's marquee player.

Former Newcastle United and Parramatta Power midfielder Travis Dodd returns to the city of his birth after a stint in Greece with Panionios.

However, it is the addition of Qu Shengqing - who has been capped 30 times for China - that should have the fans most excited.

The 29-year-old has represented his country at all age levels and was the leading scorer in China's top flight in 1999.

Qu's signing is a major boost for the club, and the A-League, as bridges continue to be built with Asia.

The former Shanghai Shenhua striker had trials with the club in February and clearly impressed Adelaide coach John Kosmina.

"He is a very, very skilful player. He is almost like a Brazilian type player, the way he moves on the park and the way that he thinks," said Adelaide coach John Kosmina.

John Romeo: Was reappointed as the Australian schoolboys coach once more

By Joe Russo

Romeo covets Italian role

John Romeo the current under 20's coach at A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers, who has recently been re-appointed as the Australian National Schoolboys Coach, is hoping that an initial discussion to work in Italy materialises into a full blown offer.

The Australian schoolboys coaching role is a most prestigious appointment given that this team now comes under the banner of the Football Federation of Australia.

"I am delighted to be given the role again," Romeo stated. "The tour of New Zealand last year was just magnificent and our results against the Kiwi schoolboys were outstanding.

"It is a big year for the Australian schoolboys this year. For the first time we come under the FFA banner and in December we will undertake a massive tour of the United Kingdom.

"It is always an honour to guide a national team no matter which level. Most of the boys in the team will make up a fair proportion of both the Australian Joeys Under 17s and the Young Socceroos sides."

Away from the schoolboys scene Romeo is also in charge of A.P.I.A.'s under 20 squad in the NSW Premier League. As part of this role he has guided the team to three Viareggio Coppa Carnevale tournaments in Italy in the last four years.

"Viareggio is a like being on show," Romeo stated. "People are aware of what you are doing and every little move, both on and off the field, is monitored."

It is at this Viareggio tournament that Romeo has been noticed as an up and coming young coach. There are two lower division clubs that have already canvassed his interest in their coaching their side.

"The problem is that we are so far away here in Australia," Romeo said. "In the Viareggio tournament the Italian officials only partially see your work. Most, if not all, of what you do in Australia is completely ignored.

"I am lucky I have a few people in Italy who are looking after my interests. They are constantly keeping my name alive to certain clubs and now we are at the stage of sending over proposals."

A coaching role in Italy's lower divisions is a real possibility and that is much more easier for Romeo because he has an Italian passport. However, he has also ambitions to coach at a senior level in Australia.

"One of the people who is looking after my interests in Italy, Mr Tony De Vitis, a former Lecce player in 1970's, has basically told me that a coaching job could be mine if I want it," added Romeo, who is also co-host of the successful Sunday Night Soccer radio program in Sydney on 98.5 FM.

"My problem is that I would need to give up everything in Australia: my Australian National Schoolboys job; my role at A.P.I.A. Leichhardt where I go to Viareggio every year with the team; my teaching career where I am head of department and now even the radio show."

Romeo is very successful at an under 20 level with the A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers in the NSW Premier League, where in the previous five seasons he has won four championships.

CARRARESE 1908 FOOTBALL DIRECTORY

"I am very happy with A.P.I.A. because the club has been outstanding to me," he said. "Tony Raciti is an excellent president I am very lucky to be associated with such a strong and ambitious club.

"Every year A.P.I.A. represents Australia and Oceania in the prestigious Viareggio tournament where the best players we have at the club are showcased to the world. I want to be a part of the Viareggio tournament as long as I can.

"My contacts in Italy are now fantastic; I can pick up the phone and talk at any time to people at Pistoiese [Serie C1] and Carrarese [Serie C2]. It is obviously at one of these clubs that a coaching job could open up for me.

"I am obviously very pleased with such developments and I'll be making my way to Italy in July to pursue these options further and to see first hand what materialises."

Carrarese, based in the Tuscan city of Carrara which is famous for its marble production, is an ambitious club but their financial situation is always a hindrance to them to signing the bigger name players.

Nevertheless they play at a most picturesque stadium in Carrara called 'Stadio dei Marmi' and the ground capacity is 15,000, the equivalent size of their Serie A Tuscan neighbours Siena.

Their current coach Renzo Gobbo, who is fast establishing his name in Italian coaching circles, seems certain to leave the club at the end of the season and join a Serie C1 or Serie B club.

It is no secret that Carrarese wishes to recruit a young dynamic coach and, so far, the local names that have been mentioned in association with the role are the same old ones that have done the coaching rounds in the Italian lower divisions.

"If Carrarese were to seriously offer me the coaching position I would be very very interested. At this stage I am told that I am on the shortlist of two or three, but the season in Italy is far from over and the club doesn't want to disrupt the team at this vital stage of the year.

"The Serie C2, which is the fourth division in Italy, is where a lot of the top coaches now in the Serie A started their coaching careers. One never knows what can happen because it is just a matter of being persistent," Romeo concluded.

Buonavoglia not out of A-League reckoning

By Joe Russo

He was once a star of the old National Soccer League with Newcastle Breakers, Newcastle United and Parramatta Power, but these days Johnny Buonavoglia is content to be playing with St George Saints in the NSW Premier League.

However, in an interview on Sunday Night Soccer on radio 98.5 FM, Buonavoglia stated that he hadn't given up on obtaining a contract in the new A-League.

"Yes, hopefully, I might get a chance; you never know but at this stage there are no offers on the table," Buonavoglia said.

One of the by-products of the new A-League is the discarding of several former National League players in the various state competitions such as the NSW Premier League and Victorian Premier League.

Buonavoglia's team-mates at St George include Andrew Crews, Nick Orlic, Ivan Zelic, Mirko Jurilj, Vince Savoca, Raphael Bove, Commins Menapi and Brendan Renaud. It is almost the who's who of the former NSL and St George is by no means different to several other clubs in the NSW Premier League.

Most, if not all, of these players have not secured an A-League contract. And the reality is that only a handful of those who are currently not contracted to an A-League club will be offered a lifeline.

The NSW Premier League is certainly richer for the addition of these former NSL players and the standard of competition is not too different as Buonavoglia acknowledges.

"The grounds aren't the best in the Premier League but, player wise, a lot of these players could be playing in the A-League without a doubt," he said.

Buonavoglia was one of the most dynamic strikers in the old NSL. He played in over 150 games and scored over 60 goals; an amazingly good goal average.

He made his debut for Newcastle after the club recruited him from the A.P.I.A. Leichhardt Tigers in the old NSW State League.

In 2001 Buonavoglia joined Parramatta Power but 2002/03 was arguably his best season. He played in 26 matches and scored 15 goals when the club had three other strikers on their books: Royce Brownlie, Pablo Cardozo and Kosta Salapasidis.

It didn't get any easier for Buonavoglia in the following season because, despite the departures of Cardozo and Brownlie, the club strengthened its attack with Ante Milicic, Sasho Petrovski and Fernando Rech.

Now as a 29 year old Buonavoglia, who clearly hasn't given up on securing an A-League contract, is certainly happy to be playing at St George – arguably the greatest club in Australian soccer history.

"I've come to a really good club in St George and they are a really professional outfit," he concluded.

Sunday Night Soccer airs weekly at 10.00pm every Sunday on radio 98.5 FM in NSW.

John Buonavoglia: Saints high flyer still has hopes of an A-League contract

ELRICH KEEPS 'TRUCKIN'

Steaming ahead: Socceroo speedstar Ahmad Elrich

Despite not playing regular club football for three months, Ahmad Elrich took control of Australia's match against Iraq like a man possessed.

While training alone under the guidance of Socceroo assistant coach, Graham Arnold, Elrich took his Socceroo chance with both hands, netting an impressive winner with his first touch of the game. John Bonacci caught up with Ahmad after the Powerade series to sum up the Socceroos' performances, and discuss his future aspirations.

Describe the emotion of scoring the match winner against Iraq?

It was amazing. The goal means a lot more knowing it was the winner, especially playing in front of family and friends in Sydney. The ball was coming pretty quickly, so I took it in front of me and set it up perfectly. I had to slow down a bit because I was running so fast, and working on my technique has certainly paid off. That goal was the difference between having a good touch and not having a good touch, because if I'd taken it wider, it would have been a lot more difficult.

It seems that your selection and goal this week might keep you in the picture until the Confederation Cup, despite not playing regular league football.

Oh yeah. I spoke to Frank about it and they're all keen on helping me in whatever way they can. They want me to keep fit, and want to organise something to keep me fit until the Confederations Cup. I did some work with Graham Arnold, but I'm having some time off that now, and I'm training with my brother's team, Sydney Olympic.

We hear that your brother is quite a talented footballer also.

Yeah, he goes alright. He's a good player and captained the NSW state team. He's looking at getting a contract with Central Coast Mariners, and he's only 18.

You must also have some great memories from your international debut against Veneznela in Caracas?

That was the best. Frank (Farina) sat down with me and said to me that I was going to get a run at some stage and make my International debut tonight, and that I'd probably play the last ten minutes or so.

It actually worked out better than that didn't it?

Stan Lazaridis got injured, and Frank turned to me and said I was going on, so I actually got about 75 minutes on my debut. It was pretty good overall, and the coaching staff was happy with my debut, except the fact that they scored a late goal and we drew.

How did you rate your performance and the excitement of the Olympic Games?

The Olympics was an unbelievable experience. The knockout phase was unfortunate and I was disappointed to miss out on the last game against Iraq with Craig Moore and Tim Cahill because we were all suspended.

I think we could have provided the team with a little more experience, and I think if the three of us were playing, it would have given us a great opportunity to come away with a medal. I'm sure we could have come away with a medal in Athens.

You seem to be a perfect substitute for Brett Emerton on the wing in recent times. Have you based your playing style on anyone in particular?

Not really. Brett and I like to get forward and attack. Every player has their own individual style. I like to get behind defences, whereas Brett likes to take on players a lot more. Once you get older, you find a style where you're comfortable, and you stick with it.

We've read a lot about your troubles with Busan I'Cons in Korea. How was this saga allowed to reach boiling point, because you did make 13 appearances for them?

I signed a contract knowing that there was a US$200,000 sell-on clause. Before I signed, I asked my agent about the sell-on clause, and he said it had already been agreed separately.

I thought it was fair enough at that stage. When the club from the English Premiership (Birmingham) came along to buy me, the club said I didn't have a sell-on clause in my contract.

I was ready to move on at that stage. The agent then turned to me and said that the club didn't agree to the clause. Obviously you don't want to be stuck in Korea for a year and a half, so it was very frustrating.

So you hold your agent responsible?

Exactly. They screwed me over, and they're gone...out the window. The agents' greed got the better of me.

It's disappointing when it comes from an agent like Frank Tiatto, whose brother is in the National team.

For someone like him to do that shows how low people will go. Some of them have no morals.

Did the controversy with Busan I'Cons at any stage affect your confidence, because it didn't look like it on the weekend?

Nah mate. I'm not going to let shit like that get me down. At the end of the day, I was there, and know exactly what happened. They can turn it around, and say what they want, but now I don't trust agents.

Agents are only in it for the money. If you're not talented, they don't want to know about you. If you play state league, you won't get a phone call, but if you're playing in the National team, they all call you because they know you're worth money.

I must say, there are some good agents who are honest, and do the right thing by you, and I have no problem with them getting paid. The thing is, they went behind my back.

We believe there has been some recent interest from Feyenoord?

They are very keen. I reckon they're thinking that I'm similar to Brett Emerton, young, and playing in the National team. They are probably thinking that they can get me, but they also know that I can sign a pre-contract with another club.

If you don't get transferred, what are your plans until July?

I'll keep on training and keep fit, and go to the Confederations Cup as a free player. It's not a bad problem, because I'll be on the world stage, and I'll be free. Hopefully I'll be able to pick and chose where I want to go. Clubs don't risk anything with there being no transfer fee, and it also allows them to pay better wages.

Ante Milicic mentioned that you might have pirated some copies of the Harry Kewell DVD, and Simon Colosimo reckons you're a pirater of everything?

Yeah, I got stacks of them and sold them half price to the Lebanese community. I can't keep up, and now they're asking me for my own DVDs. I might release a naughty video later on if you know what I mean...

What last message did Frank Farina leave the team when you all left the camp after the two games?

He was obviously a bit disappointed with the Iraq game. If you really look at it, most of the boys travelled 24 hours and got in on a Wednesday night, and were jet-lagged for some time.

The boys did promotions on Thursday and Friday, and had to play Saturday, so a lot of the boys didn't even get their sleeping pattern right. A lot of people are bagging the boys, but the boys never really got to rest. If they were here for a week before the game, it would have been completely different.

I think Frank understood that, and was happy with the win in the end of the day. The Australian public love winning and we managed to do that.

***This interview appears courtesy of the Green and Gold Army (www.ggarmy.com)**

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WORLD

ZIDANE REJECTS FRANCE RETURN

Three-times World Player of the Year Zinedine Zidane crushed rumours about his possible return to the France team by saying he would definitely not be coming out of interñational retirement.

"I have made a decision and I will not reconsider it, full stop," the Real Madrid playmaker said in a brief statement on his website.

The 32-year-old midfielder, who won the 1998 World Cup and 2000 European championship with France, ended his international career after they were knocked out of Euro 2004 in August last year.

Zinedine Zidane has ruled out a return for France.

French sports daily L'Equipe quoted him earlier this month as saying he might change his mind. Zidane denied the story but his statement did not stop the debate.

Arsenal's French manager Arsene Wenger said that the pressure was growing on Zidane to resume playing for his country.

France face a struggle to qualify for the 2006 World Cup in Germany and could definitely use the skills of the experienced playmaker.

PLAYER ARRESTED FOR ON-FIELD RACISM

Argentine footballer Leandro Desabato was granted bail late last week after spending the day in custody on charges of racially insulting a Brazilian opponent during a Libertadores Cup match in Sao Paulo.

Desabato, who plays for Buenos Aires club Quilmes, was arrested on the pitch at the end of their 3-1 defeat by Sao Paulo following a clash with rival striker Grafite.

But the player, who was allowed back to his team's hotel after the bail of Real 10,000 (US$3,878) was paid, can not leave Brazil, where he faces charges of slander aggravated by racism.

Quilmes said Desabato had been the victim of a farce and the accusations against him were based on lip-reading by television viewers.

They also said their directors had been aggressively treated at the Morumbi stadium and that Brazilian authorities were seeking publicity.

Desabato, who has been charged with the crime of slander aggravated by racism, was seen to say something to Grafite in an off-the-ball incident in first-half injury time.

Grafite shoved his hand in Desabato's face and was sent off along with Quilmes midfielder Carlos Arano. The referee took no action against Desabato.

Television pictures showed police coming on to the pitch at the end of the game and arresting Desabato, to the bemusement of the Argentine team.

Quilmes left the field amid chaotic scenes which continued outside the visiting dressing room, where dozens of Brazilian cameramen and photographers gathered.

Desabato was taken to a police station, questioned, kept overnight and given the standard prison food, police said.

Quilmes player Leandro Desabato (right) is arrested by police chief Oswaldo Goncalvez (left).

He was later transferred to another police station which had better conditions for prisoners.

In the afternoon, he was visited by Nicolas Leoz, president of the South American Football Confederation (CSF).

Sao Paulo president Marcelo Portugal Gouvea said in a radio interview that Quilmes had asked him to intervene but the club had backed Grafite, who wanted to take the case all the way.

WORLD CUP LEGEND DIES

Lucien Laurent, the scorer of the first ever goal in World Cup history, passed away last week aged 97.

Frenchman Lucien Laurent, who scored the first goal in World Cup history, died last week aged 97.

A left winger, Laurent scored in the 19th minute in France's 4-1 defeat of Mexico in Montevideo on July 13, 1930.

"I did not realise it was the first World Cup goal ever scored," he once said in an interview with French soccer magazine France Football.

"When I scored this goal, I was just simply happy."

Laurent was one of the first players to switch clubs, playing for nine teams in a 25-year career.

'Little Lulu', as he was nicknamed, scored twice in 10 appearances for France between 1930 and 1935.

He earned his first monthly salary of 2,200 old francs (about $380) when he signed for Peugeot-sponsored Sochaux in 1935 at a time when the carmaker was signing players from all over the country for the team.

Laurent, who was still occasionally playing in veterans teams in his 90s, enjoyed another moment of fame later in life when he kicked a ball with former England striker Gary Lineker for a BBC documentary.

CHELSEA DOMINATE PFA NOMINATIONS

Chelsea dominated with three nominations for the Professional Footballers Association Player of the Year award.

Captain John Terry, midfielder Frank Lampard and goalkeeper Petr Cech of Chelsea were on the list of players among the finalists.

Jose Mourinho's Chelsea squad looks to add both the Champions League and Barclays Premiership titles to the Carling Cup it won in February.

As well as Chelsea's trio, Arsenal striker Thierry Henry - the winner in 2004 - was again selected following another 30-goal performance already this season.

Newcomer Andrew Johnson also was among the six finalists after an impressive Premiership debut which has seen the Crystal Palace frontman become the leading English marksman in the league as well as win his first England cap.

Steven Gerrard, the driving force behind Liverpool's bid for both European and domestic success, completes the list.

The winner will be announced on Sunday, April 24.

Meanwhile, Chelsea winger Arjen Robben made the nominations for the Young Player Award.

Manchester United and England star Wayne Rooney was also selected, along with his Old Trafford teammate Cristiano Ronaldo.

The remaining nominees all represent England's future, with Jermain Defoe of Tottenham, Stewart Downing of Middlesbrough and Shaun Wright-Phillips of Manchester City completing the list.

Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard has been in superb form for the Premiership leaders.

CUPER TO STAY EVEN IF TEAM GOES

Hector Cuper says he is likely to at Real Mallorca if they the club is relegated out of the Primera Liga.

Real Mallorca coach Hector Cuper says he is likely to stay with he club next season even if they are relegated out of the Primera Liga.

"There is a strong possibility of me staying here if we go down to the second division. Something would have to happen at the last minute for me not to continue," Cuper told sports daily AS.

"Sometimes you have to take a big risk in order to come back stronger."

Mallorca are 19th in the league, 10 points adrift of 17th-placed Osasuna, with seven games left to play.

Club president Mateu Alemany has shown his support for the Argentine's to stay with the club if they are relegated, subject to a "financial package" being agreed.

"I have a special relationship with Cuper and I am sure there would be no problem," Alemany told radio station Cadena Ser.

The former Valencia and Inter Milan boss returned to Mallorca for his second spell last November, after the club sacked Benito Floro.

KEANE UNHAPPY WITH TEAMMATES

Manchester United captain Roy Keane says the club's recent performances have not been up to scratch and not all of his team mates have been giving 100 percent.

"We can all make excuses but people are probably sick of excuses," Keane told the club's television channel. "Generally, our performances have been very poor. They haven't been good enough.

"It is all well and good looking at other people but I think the most important thing is you have to look at yourself," said the Irishman.

"You have to ask yourself 'are you giving 100 per cent to the club for the manager and for the fans?' I am not sure that every player can say they are.

"I am sure the manager and the staff are doing that and I am not sure that everyone can honestly say that they are. That's a crime in itself."

United lost to AC Milan in the first knock-out stage of the Champions League and have seen their hopes of catching domestic leaders Chelsea effectively disappear with a run of just one win in their last four league games.

Manchester United captain Roy Keane says has taken at shot at his team's recent performances.

"The table doesn't lie, the results don't lie and over the last few weeks and months the performances haven't been good enough," said Keane.

"You have to have that desire, your pride to go on performing and do well for Man United.

"We should be showing what we are made of every day. It doesn't matter who it is. It doesn't matter if it is Newcastle or Norwich or AC Milan, you should treat every game the same, prepare as well as you can and give 100 per cent.

"If you don't and you go into a game thinking it is going to be easy, then you are going to get beaten. That's what's happened. You are not going to win football games like that."

English Reports

LIVERPOOL 2
TOTTENHAM 2

Champions League-chasing Liverpool were stunned by a wonder strike from Tottenham's Erik Edman at Anfield but managed to recover to salvage a 2-2 draw.

The Swede let fly with a swerving, dipping shot from 35 yards-plus in the 12th minute which hit the top corner of the net and gave Jerzy Dudek no chance.

But Liverpool scored an impressive goal of their own just before half-time when Luis Garcia turned his defender before curling a left-footed shot past Paul Robinson.

Ten minutes after half-time Fredi Kanoute's cross from the right was headed goalwards by Robbie Keane and deflected off Jamie Carragher and past Dudek.

Moments later Steven Gerrard won a penalty when he was tripped by Michael Carrick but the Liverpool captain blazed the spot-kick wide.

The skipper was rescued by the man whom he took the armband off - Sami Hyypia - after the Finland defender volleyed home from the edge of the penalty area in the 63rd minute.

CRYSTAL PALACE 3
NORWICH 3

Bottom side Norwich threw away a 3-1 lead as relegation rivals Crystal Palace fought back to earn a 3-3 draw at Selhurst Park.

The Canaries began the day three points behind Palace and they got off to the worst possible start in south London.

Michael Hughes' fifth-minute free-kick evaded everyone in the Norwich penalty area and Joonas Kolkka gambled at the far post to volley home.

The lead lasted only 17 minutes as Damien Francis' cut-back picked out Dean Ashton, who drove home from just three yards.

And it was Ashton who struck again just seconds after the interval when he collected the ball 35 yards from goal, went past Gonzalo Sorondo and fired into the bottom corner.

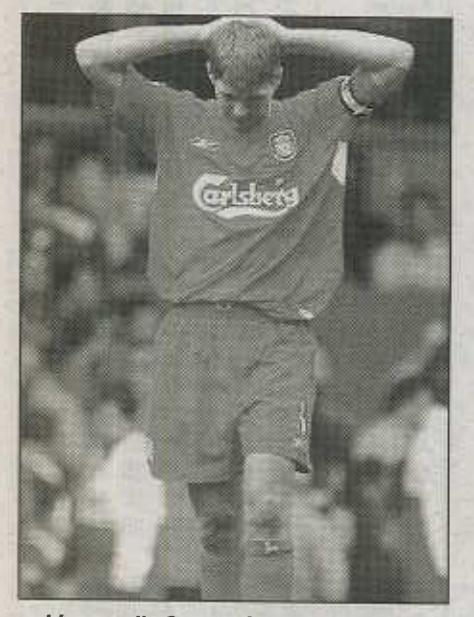
The result appeared to be safe when Daren Huckerby beat Kolkka and whipped a ball across for Leon McKenzie to convert to make it 3-1 in the 53rd minute.

However, Hughes pulled one back with a diving header 15 minutes from time and when Andrew Johnson was fouled in the penalty area he picked himself up to convert for a vital point.

BOLTON 2
CHARLTON 1

Bolton moved into fifth place after a 2-1 victory at Charlton.

Wanderers opened the scoring with a hotly-disputed penalty in the seventh minute after Hermann Hreidarsson was adjudged to have handled under pressure from Stelios Giannakopoulos, although the Charlton players claimed the ball had in fact come off the Greek.



Liverpool's Steven Gerrard hangs his head after missing a penalty.

Arsenal players celebrate Robin Van Persie's two late strikes against Blackburn which put the Gunners into the FA Cup final

It made no difference to Jay-Jay Okocha, who beat Dean Kiely from the spot.

However, a short free-kick from Danny Murphy to Francis Jeffers saw his shot take two deflections before beating Jussi Jaaskelainen in the 29th minute.

Ironically it was second-half substitute El-Hadji Diouf, on loan from Liverpool, who scored the winner with a gentle header to beat Kiely in the 58th minute and take his current side above the club who gave him his break in English football.

FULHAM 1
MANCHESTER CITY 1

Fulham are not yet safe and their 1-1 draw at home to Manchester City did little to ease their fears.

In the 20th minute Robbie Fowler chipped to Antoine Sibierski, and although his diving header was saved by goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar, Claudio Reyna followed in to net the rebound.

However, City goalkeeper David James spilled a cross and Luis Boa Morte was able to capitalise with an equaliser in the 76th minute.

SOUTHAMPTON 2
ASTON VILLA 3

Southampton threw away the chance to move out of the bottom three after they let a 2-0 lead slip to lose 3-2 at home to Aston Villa.

Kevin Phillips struck after only four minutes, converting a Peter Crouch cross.

Crouch turned scorer 11 minutes later after latching onto a pass from Jamie Redknapp to fire past Thomas Sorensen.

Villa substitute Carlton Cole gave his side a chance 10 minutes after the break when he side-footed home Nolberto Solano's pass.

Solano then converted Thomas Hitzlsperger's 70th-minute corner and two minutes later Steven Davies snatched a winner to cap a remarkable second-half comeback.

PORTSMOUTH 0
BIRMINGHAM CITY 0

Portsmouth boosted their survival hopes in the late game by drawing 0-0 at Birmingham.

Neither side created much in a disappointing 90 minutes that left the visitors by far the happier of the two teams.

FA CUP SEMIS

ARSENAL 3
BLACKBURN 0

Two late goals by Dutch substitute Robin van Persie helped Arsenal to an easy 3-0 victory over Blackburn Rovers in their FA Cup semi-final.

French midfielder Robert Pires side-footed Arsenal in front after 42 minutes before Van Persie, who had only come on in the 82nd minute, finished Rovers off with fine left-footed strikes after 86 minutes and in stoppage time at the Millennium Stadium.

It will be Arsenal's 17th appearance in the final and their fourth appearance in the last five seasons.

Arsenal's win was achieved without top scorer Thierry Henry and centre back Sol Campbell who were both injured.

Even without those players, Arsenal were always too clever and too wily to succumb to a fiercely determined and aggressive Blackburn side who never looked like preventing Arsenal from winning once Pires had struck the opening goal.

NEWCASTLE UTD 1
MANCHESTER UTD 4

Manchester United got two goals from Ruud van Nistelrooy to help the defending champions beat Newcastle 4-1 and set up an FA Cup final against Arsenal.

Paul Scholes and Cristiano Ronaldo also scored for Man United while Shola Ameobi had one for Newcastle with his team already down by three goals.

Man United and Arsenal, the two most successful teams in the history of the world's oldest cup competition, will meet in the final at Millennium Stadium on May 21.

Man United scored in the 20th minute when Van Nistelrooy guided a shot between Newcastle goalkeeper Shay Given and the far post.

Scholes scored the second goal with a glancing header inside the far post, and Van Nistelrooy made it 3-0 in the 58th with a low shot inside the right hand post.

Ameobi got one back a minute later, but Ronaldo scored in the 76th.

EPL FIXTURES

Saturday, April 23rd

Everton	vs	Birmingham City
Chelsea	vs	Fulham
Aston Villa	vs	Bolton
Liverpool	vs	Tottenham
Blackburn	vs	Manchester City
Crystal Palace	vs	Liverpool
Middlesbrough	vs	West Brom
Norwich City	vs	Charlton

Sunday April 24th

Portsmouth	vs	Southampton
Manchester Utd	vs	Newcastle Utd

Monday April 25th

Arsenal	vs	Tottenham

Premier League

FA CUP SEMI FINALS: Arsenal 3 Blackburn 0, Newcastle United 1 Manchester Utd 4
Charlton 1 Bolton 2, Crystal Palace 3 Norwich 3, Fulham 1 Manchester City 1, Liverpool 2 Tottenham 2, Southampton 2 Aston Villa 3, Birmingham 0 Portsmouth 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	**32**	**25**	**6**	**1**	**62**	**12**	**81**
Arsenal	32	21	7	4	73	33	70
Man Utd	32	19	10	3	48	19	67
Everton	32	16	6	10	39	33	54
Bolton	33	15	7	11	43	37	52
Liverpool	33	15	6	12	46	34	51
Tottenham	33	13	8	12	41	37	47
Middlesbrough	32	12	9	11	45	43	45
Aston Villa	33	12	9	12	41	42	45
Charlton	33	12	8	13	40	50	44
Man City	33	10	11	12	39	37	41
Birmingham	33	9	11	13	35	39	38
Newcastle	31	9	11	11	41	49	38
Blackburn	32	8	12	12	28	37	36
Portsmouth	33	9	8	16	37	51	35
Fulham	32	9	7	16	38	52	34
West Brom	32	5	13	14	31	52	28
Southampton	33	5	12	16	36	54	27
Crystal Palace	33	6	9	18	36	57	27
Norwich	33	4	12	17	35	66	24

Football League Championship

Sheffield Utd 0 Derby 1, West Ham 1 Millwall 1, Burnley 1 Brighton 1, Coventry 2 Wolverhampton 2, Gillingham 1 Crewe 1, Leicester 0 Wigan 2, Preston NE 3 Cardiff 0, Reading 1 Notts Forest 0, Rotherham 0 Watford 1, Stoke 2 Plymouth 0, QPR 1 Leeds Utd 1, Ipswich 2 Sunderland 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	**43**	**26**	**7**	**10**	**71**	**39**	**85**
Wigan	43	24	10	9	75	33	82
Ipswich	43	23	11	9	78	53	80
Preston	43	21	11	11	64	52	74
Derby	42	20	10	12	64	52	70
Reading	43	19	13	11	49	37	70
West Ham	42	19	9	14	60	51	66
Sheffield Utd	43	18	12	13	55	51	66
Millwall	43	16	11	16	48	44	59
Leeds	43	14	16	13	48	49	58
Stoke	42	16	10	16	34	35	58
QPR	42	16	10	16	52	54	58
Wolverhampton	43	12	21	10	64	56	57
Burnley	42	13	14	15	34	38	53
Plymouth	43	14	9	20	51	61	51
Leicester	41	10	19	12	44	43	49
Watford	43	11	15	17	50	57	48
Coventry	43	12	12	19	53	68	48
Gillingham	43	12	12	19	42	61	48
Crewe	43	11	14	18	63	78	47
Cardiff	42	11	13	18	43	49	46
Brighton	43	12	10	21	36	62	46
Notts Forest	43	8	16	19	38	62	40
Rotherham	43	5	13	25	35	66	28

Football League One

Hartlepool 3 Sheffield Wed 0, Barnsley 2 Oldham 2, Bradford 4 Brentford 1, Bristol 1 Wrexham 0, Chesterfield 2 Bournemouth 3, Huddersfield 2 Colchester 2, Hull 0 Swindon 0, Luton 1 Milton Keynes 0, Peterborough 0 Walsall 2, Stockport 2 Doncaster 4, Torquay 1 Port Vale 0, Tranmere 0 Blackpool 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton	**43**	**27**	**10**	**6**	**78**	**42**	**91**
Hull	43	26	8	9	78	46	86
Tranmere	43	21	13	9	70	51	76
Hartlepool	43	21	7	15	73	59	70
Bournemouth	43	20	9	14	73	57	69
Brentford	42	20	9	13	51	53	69
Sheff Wed	43	18	14	11	73	55	68
Bristol City	43	16	15	12	67	52	63
Huddersfield	43	17	10	16	68	65	61
Doncaster	43	15	16	12	58	55	61
Bradford	43	16	13	14	59	58	61
Swindon	43	16	11	16	63	62	59
Barnsley	43	13	18	12	66	58	57
Colchester	43	13	15	15	57	48	54
Blackpool	43	14	12	17	53	55	54
Chesterfield	43	13	14	16	53	60	53
Walsall	43	13	12	18	56	68	51
Port Vale	42	15	5	22	43	56	50
Oldham	43	13	10	20	57	69	49
Milton Keynes Dons	43	10	15	18	48	65	45
Torquay	43	10	15	18	50	76	45
Wrexham	41	11	14	16	54	74	37
Peterborough	43	8	12	23	48	69	36
Stockport	43	6	7	30	48	91	25

ITALIAN SERIE A

Italian Affair

By Joe Russo

After last week's Champions League there is only one Italian club left – AC Milan. Some may say good riddance given the unsavoury events of the San Siro Stadium where goalkeeper Dida was hit by a flare hurled from the crowd.

Focussing on the play itself it was clear that AC Milan, over two legs, were a much better team than Inter. In fact Inter as usual have been disappointing.

However, the real surprise was at the Delle Alpi Stadium in Turin where Juventus were happy, or so it seemed from their play, to let an injury-riddled Liverpool play out a scoreless draw.

Besides a few clear-cut chances to Zlatan Ibrahimovic Juventus, who needed a goal, were just pathetic. In fact it is hard to recall a more boring game of football – it even surpassed the 2003 final in Manchester between AC Milan and Juventus.

Without discounting PSV Eindhoven or Liverpool in the semi finals, it would appear to be heading for a Chelsea v AC Milan final in Istanbul in May. Arguably they are the best two clubs in Europe at the moment and are the respective leaders of the Serie A and EPL.

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Marco Cassetti is not exactly a household name unless you are a fanatic Lecce supporter. He recently made his debut for Italy and he is certainly one player worth keeping an eye on.

Originally a midfielder but now an accomplished right-ed sided defender Cassetti, who will be 28 in May, is somewhat of a late developer.

After playing in the lower divisions with relatively unknown clubs, Cassetti moved to Verona in 2000 and it was there that he made his Serie A debut.

He lasted three years in Verona and moved to Lecce in 2003 where he has had two wonderful seasons. Under the guidance of Zdenek Zeman this season his career has really taken off.

As well as making his debut in the national team, he has captured the attention of some of Serie A's biggest clubs.

AC Milan wanted to sign him up in the January transfer window but it wasn't to be. Their interest certainly hasn't waned but Inter also now have him in their sights.

It would appear that the big spending Inter, who continue to be dismal failures year in and year out, might be the favourites to gain his services.

Inter bought the Brazilian Ze Maria from Perugia at the start of this season to fill the right-sided defender's role, but he hasn't convinced coach Roberto Mancini that he is really up to it.

Cassetti's value may also increase if Atletico Madrid and Valencia of Spain show more than just an initial interest in his services. It will be interesting to see where he ends up given that he was a relative unknown until recently.

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Italian Prime Minister and current AC Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi, famous for his cosmetic surgery and hair transplant, really does come up with some unbelievable statements sometimes.

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Sydney readers can tune into 98.5 FM on Sunday nights at 10.00pm for all the latest soccer news from the local and overseas competitions. Yours truly, Joseph Carlucci, Stuart Jones, John Romeo, Robert Scarselletta and Mark Stavroulakis are part of the team.

BOLOGNA 1
LAZIO 2

Federico Giunti fired the home side ahead after 15 minutes with a curling free kick but Lazio drew level after the interval through a Massimo Oddo penalty.

Tommaso Rocchi grabbed the winner for the visitors after a perfect assist from midfielder Guiliano Giannichedda.

INTER MILAN 2
CAGLIARI 0

Despite being out of the title race and the Champions League, Inter have only been beaten by one team this season -- city rivals AC Milan.

Roberto Mancini's side had little trouble against the Sardinians after Brazilian Ze Maria's close range effort put them ahead just before the break. Nigerian Obafemi Martins wrapped up the game in the 65th minute with a fine solo effort.

CHIEVO VERONA 2
PARMA 0

An important win for Chievo in a relegation 'six pointer'.

Mattia Marchesetti put the Verona side on their way with his first ever Serie A goal and then Federico Cossato's 78th minute header made it 2-0.

Cossato celebrated the goal by removing his shirt and that brought a second yellow card for the Chievo striker but the 10 men held out.

JUVENTUS 5
LECCE 2

After an early scare when Lecce went in front through Mirko Vucinic after just seven minutes, a Zlatan Ibrahimovic hat-trick helped Juve cruise to a victory which moves them three points clear at the top.

Ghanian midfielder Stephen Appiah brought some calm with his 16th minute equaliser and then two goals from Ibrahimovic before the break -- both coming from slack Lecce marking -- ensured Juve went in 3-1 up at the break.

Pavel Nedved made it 4-1 with a great strike from outside the area in the 56th minute and Ibrahimovic completed his hat-trick with a curling shot from the left with eight minutes remaining.

Samuele Dalla Bona's 89th minute penalty was nothing more than a consolation for Lecce.

BRESCIA 1
ATALANTA 0

A twice-taken penalty deep in injury time from Luigi Di Biagio gave Brescia three vital points in this Lombardian derby between two relegation-threatened sides.

Di Biagio's first effort was saved by Atalanta keeper Alex Calderoni but the referee ordered it to be retaken because of encroachment and the former Italy midfielder made no mistake the second time.

SERIE A FIXTURES

Sunday April 23rd

Cagliari	vs	Chievo
Fiorentina	vs	Bologna
Inter Milan	vs	Messina
Juventus	vs	Lazio
Lecce	vs	Livorno
Palermo	vs	Atalanta
Parma	vs	AC Milan
Reggina	vs	Brescia
AS Roma	vs	Sampdoria
Udinese	vs	Siena

Roma's striker Antonio Cassano (right) and Reggina's defender Juri Cannarsa fight for the ball.

LIVORNO 2
FIORENTINA 0

Two first half goals from Cristiano Lucarelli ensured victory for Livorno in this Tuscan derby and pushed Fiorentina into the relegation zone.

Lucarelli struck first from the penalty spot in the 12th minute and then finished off a swift counter attack three minutes before the break to leave the travelling fans calling for the head of coach Dino Zoff.

SIENA 2
AC MILAN 1

The shock of the day as Milan suffered their first league defeat in over two months despite taking the lead.

Milan had an effort from Andriy Shevchenko ruled out in the first half but went ahead in the 63rd minute through Argentine Hernan Crespo who drove through the legs of Siena keeper Alex Manninger at the near post.

Gennaro Gattuso went close to making it 2-0 when he thundered a 25 metre strike against the crossbar.

But Siena drew level when former Italy striker Enrico Chiesa struck the post but reacted quickly to fire the rebound goalwards and Rui Costa's desperate attempt to clear on the line flew in off the post before a Francesco Cozza header ended Milan's unbeaten run.

MESSINA 1
UDINESE 0

Udinese's fate was determined by some poor defending and they have now won just two of their last seven games.

Messina's Serbian striker Ivica Iliev took advantage of a dreadful header inside the area by Brazilian defender Felipe to fire home the winner for the Sicilians on the hour.

AS ROMA 1
REGGINA 2

Another poor result for Roma who had the lead at the break after a superb long distance strike from their Romanian defender Cristian Chivu.

Bruno Conti's team dominated for an hour but Reggina pulled level in the 72nd minute when Ivan Franceschini scrambled the ball home from close range.

Then eight minutes from time Emiliano Bonazzoli grabbed the winner for Reggina with a perfectly struck angled shot.

SAMPDORIA 1
PALERMO 0

Sampdoria moved into fourth place after a controversial injury time penalty from Francesco Flachi gave them a 1-0 win over fellow Champions League hopefuls Palermo.

Samp were awarded a penalty when Flachi's overhead kick struck the arm of Fabio Grosso at close range and after protests at the decision Flachi drove home the penalty.

SERIE A

Messina 1 Udinese 0, Roma 1 Reggina 2, Sampdoria 1 Palermo 0, Bologna 1 Lazio 2, Brescia 1 Atalanta 0, Chievo 2 Parma 0, Inter Milan 2 Cagliari 0, Juventus 5 Lecce 2, Livcorno 2 Fiorentina 0, Siena 2 AC Milan 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1Juventus	**31**	**21**	**7**	**3**	**55**	**21**	**70**
2Milan	31	20	7	4	51	20	67
3Inter Milan	31	13	17	1	56	35	56
4Sampdoria	31	15	6	10	33	23	51
5Udinese	31	14	7	10	46	33	49
6Palermo	31	12	11	8	36	31	47
7Lazio	31	11	7	13	40	41	40
8Roma	31	10	9	12	50	50	39
9Cagliari	31	10	9	12	44	50	39
10Livorno	31	10	9	12	37	43	39
11Messina	31	10	9	12	34	42	39
12Bologna	31	9	11	11	29	29	38
13Reggina	31	10	8	13	31	38	38
14Lecce	31	9	10	12	53	58	37
15Chievo	31	9	7	15	26	43	34
16Parma	31	8	9	14	36	51	33
17Siena	31	6	15	10	32	45	33
18Fiorentina	31	7	11	13	34	45	32
19Brescia	31	8	6	17	26	41	30
20Atalanta	31	6	9	16	29	39	27

SERIE B

Catania 1 Placenza 1, Empoli 2 Pescara 1, Albinoleffe 1 Verona 1, Arezzo 2 Bari 1, Ascoli 1 Venezia 0, Catanzaro 1 Vicenza 1, Perugia 1 Torino 1, Salernitana 2 Modena 2, Ternana 2 Crotone 1, Treviso 3 Cesena 1, Triestina 0 Genoa 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Genoa	**33**	**16**	**13**	**4**	**57**	**35**	**61**
Empoli	33	15	13	5	46	26	58
Treviso	33	16	7	10	46	36	55
Torino	33	15	8	10	36	27	53
Perugia	33	14	10	9	41	27	52
Ascoli	33	14	10	9	45	41	52
Verona	33	13	10	10	52	40	49
Modena	33	13	9	11	36	32	47
Piacenza	33	14	5	14	37	38	47
Catania	33	10	14	9	33	36	44
Ternana	33	11	11	11	39	43	44
Albinoleffe	33	11	10	12	46	42	43
Cesena	33	11	9	13	38	47	42
Bari	33	10	12	11	30	31	41
Salernitana	33	10	11	12	40	42	41
Vicenza	33	11	8	14	48	54	41
Triestina	33	11	8	14	37	45	41
Pescara	33	9	12	12	34	45	39
Arezzo	33	8	14	11	43	44	38
Crotone	33	8	10	15	35	41	31
Venezia	33	6	11	16	26	42	29
Catanzaro	33	5	9	19	28	59	24

** Modena handed four point deduction.*
** Bari docked a point for fan violence.*
** Crotone deducted three points.*

WORLD

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

QUARTER-FINAL LEG 2

Juventus	0	Liverpool	0
Inter	0	AC Milan	1
B Munich	3	Chelsea	2
PSV	1	Lyon	1

QUARTER-FINALS
Second leg - April 12-13

SEMI-FINALS
First leg - April 26-27
Second leg - May 3-4

26 April Chelsea vs Liverpool

27 April AC Milan vs PSV

FINAL:
May 25, Istanbul

Liverpool players rejoice after their passage to the UEFA Champions League semi-finals

UEFA CUP

QUARTER-FINAL LEG 2

AZ Alkmaar	1	Villareal	1
Auxerre	2	CSKA	0
S Lisbon	4	Newcastle	1
Parma	0	Austria Vienna	0

SEMI-FINALS
First leg - April 28
Second leg - May 5

Parma vs CSKA
Sporting vs Alkmaar

FINAL
May 18, Lisbon

Sporting Lisbon celebrate their four-goal haul over English side Newcastle

BELGIAN JUPILER LEAGUE

Westerlo 1 Club Brugge 3, Charleroi 1 Lierse 0, Brussels 1 Gent 1, Lokeren 4 Sint-Truiden 3, Mouscron 0 G.Beerschot 1, Racing Genk 2 Beveren 1, Cercle Bruges 2 Oostende 0, Standard Liege 2 Mons-Bergen 0, La Louviere 1 Anderlecht 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1Club Brugge	29	22	5	2	72	20	71
2Anderlecht	29	20	5	4	63	27	65
3Standard	29	18	6	5	51	23	60
4Genk	29	17	6	6	46	33	57
5Charleroi	29	16	7	6	38	29	55
6AA Gent	29	15	5	9	42	31	50
7Cercle	29	11	5	13	42	63	38
8La Louvière	29	10	8	11	36	32	38
9Lokeren	29	9	11	9	31	33	38
10Westerlo	29	11	4	14	29	46	37
11Beerschot	29	9	6	14	28	34	33
12Lierse	29	9	5	15	43	52	32
13Beveren	29	8	7	14	39	47	31
14Mouscron	29	8	6	15	36	39	30
15St Truiden	29	7	6	16	32	48	27
16Brussels	29	7	3	19	25	53	24
17Mons	29	6	4	19	35	50	22
18Oostende	29	5	7	17	27	55	22

CROATIAN C'SHIP PLAY-OFFS

Slaven Belupo 1 Hajduk Split 1, Inter 2 Varteks 0, Rijeka 4 NK Zagreb 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1Hajduk	25	13	5	7	41	26	44
2Rijeka	25	11	10	4	43	27	43
3Inter	25	12	6	7	31	25	42
4Varteks	25	12	2	11	42	33	38
5Slaven	25	11	5	9	30	29	38
6Zagreb	25	11	4	10	33	31	37

DUTCH EREDIVISIE

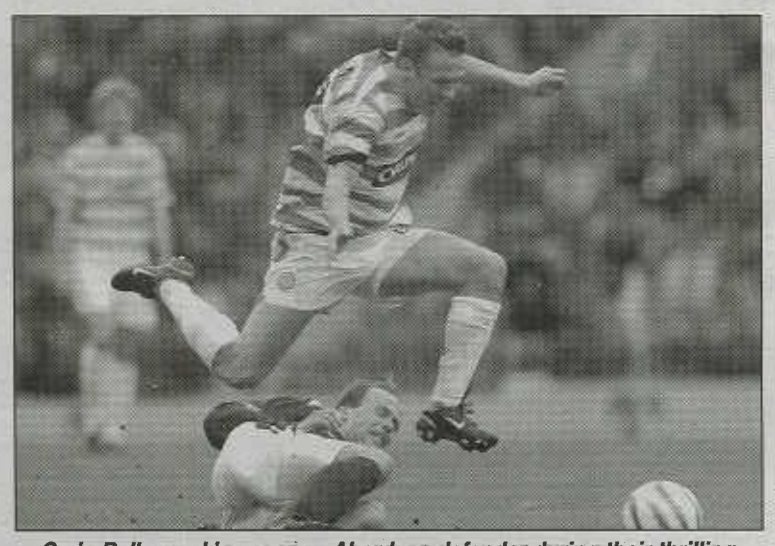
Roda JC 3 Utrecht 2, De Graafschap 2 RKC Waalwjik 4, RBC Roosendaal 2 Den Haag 0, Vitesse 1 Heerenveen 3, Feyenoord 2 Ajax 3, AZ Alkmaar 1 NAC Breda 1, Den Bosch 1 Groningen 2, Twente 2 NEC Nijmegen 1, Willem II 0 PSV Eindhoven 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1PSV	29	24	4	1	76	13	76
2Ajax	29	19	5	5	61	31	62
3Alkmaar	28	18	7	3	64	27	61
4Feyenoord	29	17	5	7	79	39	56
5Twente	29	14	6	9	40	32	48
6Heerenveen	29	14	5	10	48	46	47
7Vitesse	29	13	6	10	46	41	45
8Waalwijk	29	11	8	10	39	40	41
9Roda	29	11	6	12	50	47	39
10Groningen	29	11	6	12	43	46	39
11Utrecht	28	10	6	12	31	34	36
12Willem II	29	9	5	15	33	53	32
13NAC	29	8	7	14	36	56	31
14Den Haag	29	8	6	15	32	45	30
15NEC	29	7	9	13	33	42	30
16Rosendaal	29	7	2	20	28	63	23
17Grafschap	29	4	6	19	30	68	18
18Den Bosch	29	4	3	22	20	66	15

ENGLAND LEAGUE TWO

Swansea 1 Oxford 0, Southend 0 Leyton Orient 1, Cheltenham 1 Northampton 0, Chester 2 Bristol 2, Kidderminster 1 Yeovil 1, Lincoln 2 Macclesfield 0, Mansfield 1 Darlington 1, Notts County 2 Grimsby 2, Rochdale 1 Shrewsbury 1, Rushden & Diamonds 4 Boston 2, Scunthorpe 4 Cambridge 0, Wycombe 1 Bury 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yeovil	43	23	7	13	85	64	76
Scunthorpe	43	21	12	10	65	42	75
Southend	42	21	11	10	61	41	74
Swansea	43	22	8	13	60	41	74
Lincoln City	43	20	11	12	64	43	71
Macclesfield	42	20	9	13	55	43	69
Darlington	43	18	11	14	52	48	65
Northampton	43	17	12	14	56	51	63
Wycombe	43	16	13	14	54	48	61
Rochdale	43	15	16	12	48	46	61
Mansfield	43	14	15	14	51	49	57
Cheltenham	43	15	12	16	46	48	57
Leyton Orient	43	14	15	14	59	63	57
Oxford Utd	43	15	11	17	47	56	56
Bristol Rovers	43	11	21	11	57	53	54
Boston Utd	43	13	15	15	56	54	54
Grimsby	43	13	14	16	46	50	53
Bury	43	12	16	15	50	52	52
Notts County	43	13	11	19	45	60	50
Chester	43	11	16	16	42	65	49
Shrewsbury	43	11	14	18	47	51	47
Rushden	43	10	14	19	42	59	44



Craig Bellamy skips over an Aberdeen defender during their thrilling three-two come from behind victory

Ki'minster	43	10	8	25	38	75	38
Cambridge	43	7	14	22	38	62	35

FRENCH LIGUE 1

Lille 2 Lens 1, Bastia 2 Toulouse 1, Bordeaux 0 Nantes 2, Marseille 1 Ajaccio 2, Metz 2 Istres 1, Nice 0 Caen 1, Rennes 2 Saint-Etienne 2, Sochaux 1 Monaco 1, Auxerre 0 Strasbourg 0, Lyon 0 Paris St Germain 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1Lyon	33	18	12	3	45	20	66
2Lille	32	14	13	5	43	22	55
3Marseille	33	15	7	11	40	33	52
4Monaco	32	12	15	5	41	30	51
5Rennes	33	13	9	11	41	36	48
6Auxerre	32	13	8	11	44	38	47
7Sochaux	33	12	10	11	35	31	46
8Toulouse	32	12	10	10	31	31	46
9St Etienne	33	10	15	8	42	31	45
10PSG	33	10	14	9	32	34	44
11Lens	33	10	12	11	34	31	42
12Bordeaux	33	8	16	9	32	32	40
13Strasbourg	33	9	12	12	34	35	39
14Metz	33	9	12	12	28	38	39
15Nantes	33	9	11	13	29	32	38
16Ajaccio	33	8	14	11	30	36	38
17Nice	33	8	14	11	35	42	38
18Caen	33	7	12	14	26	52	33
19Bastia	33	8	8	17	24	40	32
20Istres	33	4	14	15	21	43	26

HELLENIC NATIONAL LEAGUE

Ergotelis 1 Panathinaikos 3, Panionios 1 Iraklis 2, Halkidona 0 Ionikos 1, Egaleo 2 Aris 1, Kerkyra 0 Kallithea 1, AEK Athens 2 Xanthi 1, Apollon 0 Olympiakos 2, PAOK 4 OFI Crete 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1PAO	26	17	5	4	42	13	56
2AEK	26	15	10	1	40	19	55
3Olympiacos	26	15	8	3	44	16	53
4PAOK	26	13	5	8	38	31	44
5Xanthi	26	12	7	7	40	27	43
6Egaleo	26	8	12	6	22	20	36
7Iraklis	26	10	5	11	29	27	35
8Halkidona	26	9	8	9	25	26	35
9Kallithea	26	8	9	9	34	36	33
10Panionios	26	7	9	10	21	27	30
11Ionikos	26	7	9	10	19	30	30
12OFI	26	7	7	12	32	39	28
13Aris	26	4	12	10	22	31	24
14Kalamarias	26	5	9	12	25	43	24
15Ergotelis	26	5	4	17	18	44	19
16Kerkira	26	3	7	16	18	40	16

GERMAN BUNDESLIGA

Dortmund 1 Arminia Bielefeld 1, Freiburg 1 B.Leverkusen 3, Hannover 0 Bayern Munich 1, Hansa Rostock 2 Stuttgart 1, Moenchengladbach 1 Mainz 1, Schalke 1 Hamburg 2, Werder Bremen 0 Hertha Berlin 1, Kaiserslautern 1 Bochum 2, Wolfsburg 0 Nurnberg 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1Bayern	29	19	5	5	55	26	62
2Schalke	29	18	2	9	46	35	56
3Stuttgart	29	16	6	7	52	33	54
4Bremen	29	15	5	9	58	32	50
5Hertha	29	13	11	5	51	27	50
6Hamburg	29	15	2	12	51	46	47
7Leverkusen	29	13	7	9	50	37	46
8Dortmund	29	11	9	9	36	38	42
9Wolfsburg	29	13	1	15	43	45	40
10Kaisers	29	11	6	12	36	38	39
11Hannover	29	11	5	13	31	32	38
12Arminia	29	10	6	13	32	40	36
13Nürnberg	29	9	7	13	49	53	34
14Mainz	29	8	7	14	35	46	31
15Mögadach	29	7	9	13	32	46	30
16Bochum	29	7	8	14	40	57	29
17Hansa	29	6	8	15	27	55	26
18Freiburg	29	3	8	18	23	61	17

PORTUGUESE SUPERLIGA

Beira Mar 1 Boavista 0, Porto 2 Vitoria 1, Benfica 1 Uniao Leiria 1, Academica 4 Penafiel 1, Gil Vicente 1 Maritimo 0, Nacional 0 Rio Ave 0, Guimaraes 1 Estoril 0, Braga 2 Belenenses 0, Moreirense vs Sporting Lisbon – Tuesday AET.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1Benfica	29	16	7	6	46	28	55
2Braga	29	15	9	5	41	20	54
3Sporting	28	15	6	7	57	30	51
4Porto	29	14	9	6	33	24	51
5Boavista	29	13	9	7	36	36	48
6Guimaræes	29	13	8	8	32	24	47
7Rio Ave	29	9	16	4	32	30	43
8Belenenses	29	11	6	12	36	32	39
9Martimo	29	9	12	8	33	30	39
10Setbal	29	9	9	11	39	40	36
11Nacional	29	10	5	14	37	40	35
12Penafiel	29	10	4	15	32	47	34
13Leiria	29	7	13	9	27	28	34
14Academica	29	8	8	13	27	36	32
15Gil Vicente	29	8	6	15	28	36	30
16Estoril	29	7	5	17	32	46	26
17Beira-Mar	29	6	8	15	27	52	26
18Moreirense	28	5	10	13	21	37	25

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Celtic 3 Aberdeen 2, Dundee Utd 2 Hearts 1, Hibernian 0 Livingston 3, Inverness 2 Dundee 2, Motherwell 1 Kilmarnock 1, Dunfermline 0 Rangers 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	33	27	2	4	77	28	83
Rangers	33	25	6	2	67	17	81
Hibernian	33	17	5	11	56	49	56
Aberdeen	33	15	7	11	38	33	52
Hearts	33	13	9	11	39	33	48
Motherwell	33	12	7	14	41	41	43
Inverness CT	33	11	9	13	39	42	42
Kilmarnock	33	11	3	19	39	53	36
Dundee	33	8	7	18	34	61	31
Dundee Utd	33	6	10	17	36	55	28
Dunfermline	33	6	9	18	28	54	27
Livingston	33	7	6	20	29	57	27

SERBIA & MONTENEGRO

Borac 0 Zemun 0, Buducnost 1 Hajduk Kula 1, Obilic 0 Partizan 4, OFK 6 Hajduk 0, Red Star 5 Cukaricki 0, Vojvodina 2 Zeta 2, Zeleznik 1 Sutjeska 0, Radnicki 0 Sartid 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1Partizan	22	20	2	0	57	11	62
2Zvezda	22	18	3	1	55	12	57
3Zeta	21	13	3	5	36	19	42
4OFK	22	12	1	9	37	24	37
5Zemun	22	8	7	7	21	24	31
6Buducnost	22	9	4	9	28	26	31
7Kula	22	7	8	7	24	25	29
8Beograd	22	8	4	10	25	26	28
9Smederevo	22	6	8	8	19	27	26
10Vojvodina	22	6	6	10	22	29	24
11Borac	22	6	6	10	21	31	24
12Obilic	21	6	5	10	20	34	23
13Zeleznik	22	6	4	12	22	31	22
14Sutjeska	22	5	6	11	14	30	21
15Cukaricki	22	5	5	12	19	32	20
16Hajduk	22	1	6	15	13	52	9

SPANISH PRIMERA LIGA

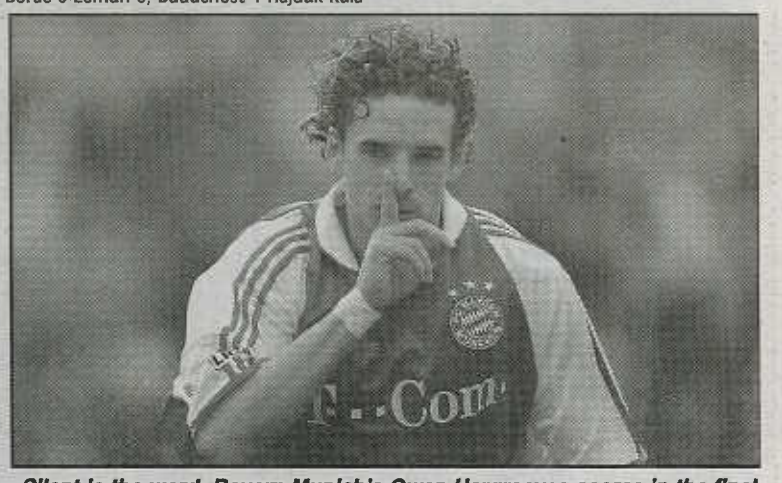
At. Madrid 0 Espanyol 0, Sevilla 0 Osasuna 1, Real Sociedad 1 Deportivo 0, Albacete 1 Malaga 2, Mallorca 0 Valencia 0, Santander 0 Ath. Bilbao 2, Villarreal 0 Real Betis 0, Zaragoza 4 Numancia 1, Levante 0 Real Madrid 2, Barcelona 2 Getafe 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1Barcelona	32	22	6	4	61	25	72
2Real Madrid	32	21	3	8	57	28	66
3Sevilla	32	15	7	10	37	35	52
4Villarreal	31	14	10	7	52	28	52
5Betis	32	13	12	7	52	42	51
6Espanyol	32	14	8	10	41	39	50
7Valencia	32	12	13	7	48	34	49
8Athletic	32	13	8	11	52	42	47
9Atlético	32	13	8	11	36	26	47
10Zaragoza	32	13	7	12	41	43	46
11Deportivo	32	11	13	8	40	38	46
12Sociedad	32	12	6	14	41	45	42
13Getafe	32	10	9	13	32	38	39
14Malaga	32	11	6	15	32	41	39
15Osasuna	31	10	7	14	37	53	37
16Levante	32	9	8	15	36	48	35
17Racing	32	9	7	16	33	48	34
18Mallorca	32	6	7	19	28	55	25
19Albacete	32	5	9	18	28	47	24
20Numancia	32	5	8	19	23	52	23

TURKISH SUPER LIGA

Diyarbakirspor 0 Trabzonspor 1, Sebatspor 1 Galatasaray 3, Konyaspor 2 Sakaryaspor 0, Samsunspor 4 Denizlispor 0, Kayserispor 1 Malatyaspor 1, Ankaragucu 2 Ankaraspor 5, Istanbulspor 1 Genclerbirligi 3, Rizespor 1 Gaziantepspor 1, Fenerbahce 3 Besiktas 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1Fenerbahçe	28	22	2	4	69	18	68
2Galatasaray	28	20	4	4	55	21	64
3Trabzonspor	28	19	5	4	55	23	62
4Besiktas	28	16	7	5	59	33	55
5Denizlispor	28	12	7	9	37	33	43
6Rizespor	28	11	9	8	32	27	42
7Konyaspor	28	9	11	8	50	49	38
8Malatyaspor	28	11	5	12	33	37	38
9Gaziantespor	28	11	5	12	39	42	38
10Ankaraspor	28	10	7	11	45	43	37
11Gençlerbirligi	28	10	7	11	37	35	37
12Samsuspor	28	9	6	13	36	47	33
13Diyakirspor	28	8	6	14	27	43	30
14Ankagücü	28	7	7	14	27	53	28
15Sakarspor	28	7	4	17	40	60	25
16Kayserispor	28	5	8	15	36	61	23
17Istanulspor	28	4	10	14	23	44	22
18Sebatspor	28	2	8	18	30	61	14



Silent is the word- Bayern Munich's Owen Hargreaves scores in the final minute against Hannover

Daniel Severino

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